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## Board votes 5-0 to appoint Law supervisor

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

In his four day per-week commute over eight years from Plymouth to Lansing, Rep. Gerald Law figures he's racked up 250,000 miles on several Fords.

"It was the travel," he said, and the opportunity for a change after eight years in the state Legislature that led Law to consider the Plymouth Township supervisor post.

Law was named to fill that post, left vacant by Maurice Breen's resignation Sunday to accept appointment to the county commission, by township trustees on Tuesday.

The resolution to appoint Law passed by a 5-0 vote. Abstaining was Trustee John Stewart, who in the past has expressed interest in running for the state House.

"I need to just clean up some stuff, and come on board by May 1 at the latest," said Law. "I would like to resign (the House seat) by the end of the month."

BETWEEN NOW and the time an election is held to name Law's successor, he plans to keep taking calls from 36th District constituents on state-related matters.

Law's annual salary, \$45,000 plus \$10,000 in travel expenses as a state legislator, will rise to \$61,000 when he becomes Plymouth Township supervisor. Law said Tuesday he didn't know what he'd be making as township supervisor and added that if money was a main concern, he would never have left his job at Ford Motor Co.

Law said that while he expected someday to decide on whether to leave the Legislature to seek the township supervisor job, he had to make that decision now, as Breen announced he was leaving.

"I never considered being a state senator or U.S. Congressman," he

said, adding that many state politicians eventually seek higher posts.

"I look at it as a challenging job. It's a good career move for myself," Law said. "I'm excited about being the supervisor of Plymouth Township."

"I enjoyed very much being a state legislator," he said. "I plan on keeping up friendships with folks I know at the state. I'm not going to let those contacts go to waste."

NOT LONG after deciding he'd seek the township post, Law said he found himself sitting near some freshman representatives on the Capitol floor. "I told them you're not going to be here forever, so enjoy it," he said.

Law said he plans to be available to township residents who seek him out as supervisor, adding he has an open-door policy.

"Stylewise, I'm fairly outgoing and friendly. I believe you have to meet with people and hear their complaints and give them a satisfactory answer," he said.

On some major issues that face the township — shared police and fire services and the creation of an airport board to run Mettetal Airport in Canton — Law said he'll follow the lead of trustees who've already voted to support those efforts.

"My understanding is they have been basically unanimous on these things," he said.

TRUSTEES VOTED 7-0 to explore shared services with the city of Plymouth, and 6-0, with Trustee John Stewart abstaining, to create an airport governing board.

Law said he'd like to get to know all township employees "on a first-name basis, and let them know they're not taken for granted."

Law said he supports Northville Township Supervisor Georgina Goss to succeed him in the state House.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Maurice Breen was sworn in Monday as a Wayne County Commissioner by James R. Killeen, Wayne County clerk. Breen, formerly Plymouth Township supervisor, replaces Susan Heintz on the commission. Heintz took a job with Gov. John Engler. On

Tuesday the Plymouth Township board voted 5-0 to appoint state Rep. Gerald Law to take Breen's place as supervisor. Special elections will be scheduled to fill both posts.

## Schools want to fly with high-tech pilot program

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Imagine a high school where instead of typing term papers, students compose "electronic" papers and projects on computers, supplementing text with illustrations, voices, and scans of photos that can be viewed by the entire class on a TV screen.

Imagine an elementary school where via

interactive television, a class can tune into a foreign language class in progress at the high school.

Picture a middle school with a satellite dish that provides access to materials from Library of Congress, the National Archives and National Geographic. Or libraries stocked not with books, but with video catalogs that direct users to electronic encyclopedias, reference books and literature on

laser discs, videotape and floppy discs.

Local school officials are hopeful that with a federal matching grant, such innovations, already in existence, can be introduced here, making the Plymouth-Canton district a national demonstration site.

Given the influence in Congress of U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and his ties to the district, President George Bush's recently announced educational initiatives,

and Plymouth-Canton's staff and facilities, "It's an exciting possibility," said Dr. Thomas MacKenzie, Canton High School principal.

Superintendent John Hoben, MacKenzie and other school officials recently visited Penn Madison High School in Mishawaka, Ind., near South Bend, which has in place state-of-the-art integrated technology, including interactive computer networks, television networks and telephone networks

linking every classroom and office.

The system enables teachers using a classroom telephone and a television screen to instantaneously access the school's media center as well as outside sources of information.

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### Happy Birthday

Michigan artist Gwen Frostic blows out the candles on her birthday cake as Sister Beth Wood watches. Frostic, known for her prints featuring northern Michigan's flora and fauna,

recently came to Plymouth to speak at a meeting of the Michigan Chapter, Catholic Library Association. For the story, see Page 1C of today's Suburban Life section.

## State orders Main St. rail crossing inspection

The bumpy railroad crossing on Main Street in Plymouth was scheduled for inspection Tuesday by a state transportation official, who could order improvements.

City engineer Ken West said results of the inspection would be made known to city officials in about six weeks.

"The railroad safety inspector looks at the crossing and tells the railroad (CSX Transportation) and the city what has to be done," West said.

Should the inspector rank the crossing as poor, potential improvements would be paid for by the federal government.

But West said that based on his experience, a crossing would have to

be in especially bad shape to get such a rating.

If the inspector determines that wooden planks at the crossing need replacing, "It's just the railroad's responsibility — the city doesn't get involved at all," West said.

Earlier this month, CSX installed gates at a crossing on Holbrook, and modern predictors which "provide a minimum amount of time for the gates to come down before the train approaches the crossing," West said.

"These predictors measure the speed and the distance from the crossing and compute the time so that the gates will come down 20 seconds before the train reaches the intersection," West said.

## District adds up losses under property tax freeze

If approved by voters in 1992, the property tax freeze approved April 18 by the Michigan Legislature would mean a loss of up to \$5 million for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

That was the word on Senate Bill 19 from Superintendent John Hoben Monday.

According to a Senate Fiscal Agency analysis, the bi-partisan compromise would mean:

• No change in tax rate during 1991

• The freezing of 1992 real estate assessments at 1991 levels. Procedures for taxing personal property, which apply mostly to business and industry, would be unchanged.

• The state would reimburse the poorer districts that now receive state aid for any money they

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# Cash taken in eatery break-in

Someone was hungry for Howies early Sunday, but not in the traditional sense. Around 1:45 a.m., Plymouth police were called to the Main Street eatery regarding a broken door.

Officers arrived to find Hungry Howies' glass doors shattered, and the cash register tray on the counter. Everything else appeared to be in place.

The manager, a 39-year-old Northville man, told police that he suspects a former employee.

The man said the suspect contacted him a few days before regarding a W-2 form. The manager said he'd mailed the form to the suspect's previous address. The complainant told police he suspected the man would break in to get the form.

## crime watch

How much was taken from the cash tray isn't known. The tray was seized by police and will be dusted for fingerprints.

Damage to the door is estimated at \$200.

**WEAPONS TURNED IN:** A man brought to the Plymouth police station for safekeeping two firearms taken from a Jener Street residence Sunday.

He told police they were taken

from a bed in the basement of a friend's home. The friend is in police custody in Ann Arbor. The man also said he was carrying out the request of the homeowner, who is friend of his and gave him a key to his residence.

Turned in were a rifle and a .32-caliber Winchester.

The man is being charged in connection with an incident in which shots were fired at the University of Michigan administration building early Friday.

**SILVER DOLLARS GONE:** Cash and silver dollars valued at \$834 were reported stolen from Plymouth Manor Apartments after a tenant returned home Saturday to find the items missing.

The tenant told police he left the apartment at 5 p.m. Friday, and upon returning at 3 p.m. noticed his front door had been forced open, according to the report filed with township police.

The cash and coins left on top of a microwave oven were missing, and bedroom shelves were left in disarray, the report continued.

**HEAVY LOAD:** Five bundles of aluminum weighing 640 pounds were discovered missing Friday from Plymouth Iron and Metal Co., 40251 Schoolcraft.

The theft occurred between 5 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday. Police are investigating.

# Science students win

There could just be a future Marie Curie or Albert Einstein among the students at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth.

"Absolutely," said Patricia Fair, science teacher. Her students were among those who received awards at The Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit, held recently at Cobo Hall.

"We sent 21 and all 21 came back winners," Fair said. Our Lady of Good Counsel students in seventh and eighth grades participated. Their work began with qualifying at the local school fair, held in January.

Students were then required to submit an abstract to be judged for acceptance. "It's a lengthy process," she said.

First-place winners who received gold ribbons are Jacqueline Nicasari and Chad Petersen. Second-place gold ribbons went to R. Jonathan Ernst and David Reszabek.

Third-place gold ribbons went to Hernan Munoz, Jennifer Munfakh and Josh Delos Reyes.

Outstanding honors/dark blue ribbons went to: Sheila Cusick; Jason Karby; John Trainor; Colleen Thomas; Christopher Burt; Claire Walton; Nicole Wallon, and Patricia Martin.

Excellent honors/light blue ribbons went to: Kevin Rucinski; Renee Mathews; Nicole Pac; Jennifer Kiessel; Michael O'Karma; and Stacie Johnson.

# Schools eye high-tech program

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the state Department of Education "to see if there isn't potential for Plymouth-Canton to be set up as a pilot," Hoben said Monday.

"We're hopeful we can move Plymouth ahead to where it should be."

Pursell is the ranking minority member on the House Labor, Health, Human Services and Education subcommittee. The appropriations subcommittee oversees \$57 billion in discretionary funding for education, job training, labor programs, health care and biomedical research.

"It's very exciting, because so much of society is moving in that direction," said MacKenzie, who as a high school principal in Fort Collins, Colo., used several of the technological innovations.

"A lot of society is there, and so many of our students are already there mentally."

MacKenzie is sharing his ideas with the "2010 Committee," a school-board appointed panel expected to recommend that a \$60 million bond issue be put on the ballot in late September.

The Existing Facilities Subcommittee of the 2010 Committee will be the first subcommittee to report to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education at a 7:30 p.m. workshop Monday at Gallimore Elementary School. Other reports are due in October and January.

A \$60 MILLION BOND bond issue would provide funds for high technology equipment, one or two new elementary schools, additional classroom space at Field, Hulsing and

Eriksson elementaries, and an expansion of Salem High School's cafeteria.

Serving on the existing facilities subcommittee are all the district principals, parents and administrators. The group is chaired by Glenn Schroeder and Harold Fischer. Both have served as Plymouth-Canton school board presidents.

Not on their list is a much-talked-about "Phase Four" building at Centennial Educational Park, where more than 4,400 students attend two high schools.

"We think something should be built off the property, perhaps an alternative high school," said Schroeder, a school board member from 1980-84.

While future facilities are the responsibility of another 2010 subcommittee, "we'd recommend that be-

cause of CEP's large size," a third high school not be built on site.

"There are over 4,400 students there now. That's an awful lot. It may be okay for seniors who are going to leave, but for ninth graders, it's hard," Schroeder said.

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# District counts losses under tax freeze

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couldn't collect. But districts that get no state aid, such as Plymouth-Canton, and community colleges would not be reimbursed. Lost revenue is estimated to be \$388 million.

● Voters would be asked in November 1992 to approve a constitutional amendment capping assessment increases. Homestead increases would be 5 percent or the consumer price inflation rate,

whichever is less, beginning in 1993.

● The state tax limitation law would be changed. Instead of rates in a community being rolled back as a whole, the rollback would be done in two classes of property: (1) residential-agricultural and (2) everything else — commercial, industrial, etc. The result would be different tax rates within a community.

The legislation would not change the financial picture for Plymouth-

Canton schools in 1991-92. But, in "1992-93, we will lose about \$3 million of our projected revenue," said Hoben. "That's assuming the renewal passes."

The district's total revenues for the coming school year are expected to increase to \$74 million.

Voters will be asked to renew a 18-mill tax in the June 10 school election. A two-year, 4-mill levy expires this year.



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# Down to Earth

## Photos focus on need to clean up

**E**VERY EARTH Day folks turn their attention to the environment, planting trees and focusing on pollution.

But the war to clean the environment is ongoing. And the reminders of that conflict surround us like burned out tanks in Iraq.

So, as schools were passing out seedling trees and others were making hay over Earth Day, Ob-

server photographer Bill Bresler took a look at some of the things that are often neglected on Earth Day.

He captured the grime and pollution that we see and smell every day.

The most striking of his photos is the tire that was thoughtlessly thrown into a portion of the Rouge River.

Bresler showed us that careless

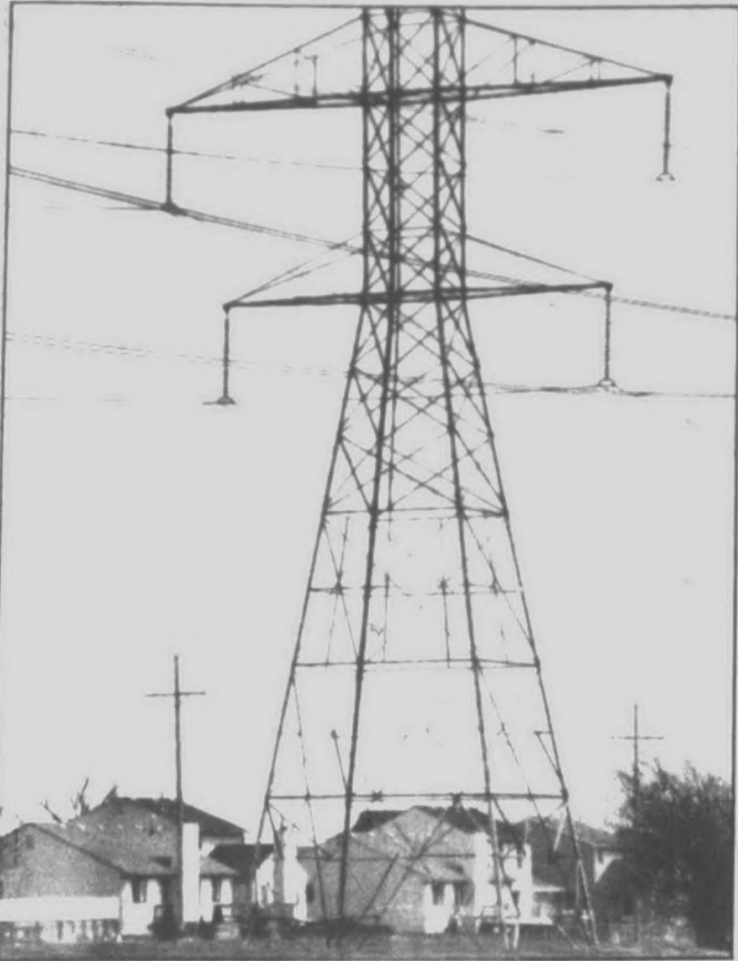
behavior smothers the beauty of nature and ruins what should be enjoyed by future generations. And the cleanup work is left to the people who have to struggle to correct what was there naturally.

A perfect example are the volunteers who come out annually in spring during Rouge Rescue and work all day to clean the river of car parts, refrigerators and all the other unusual items that get hauled from the river.



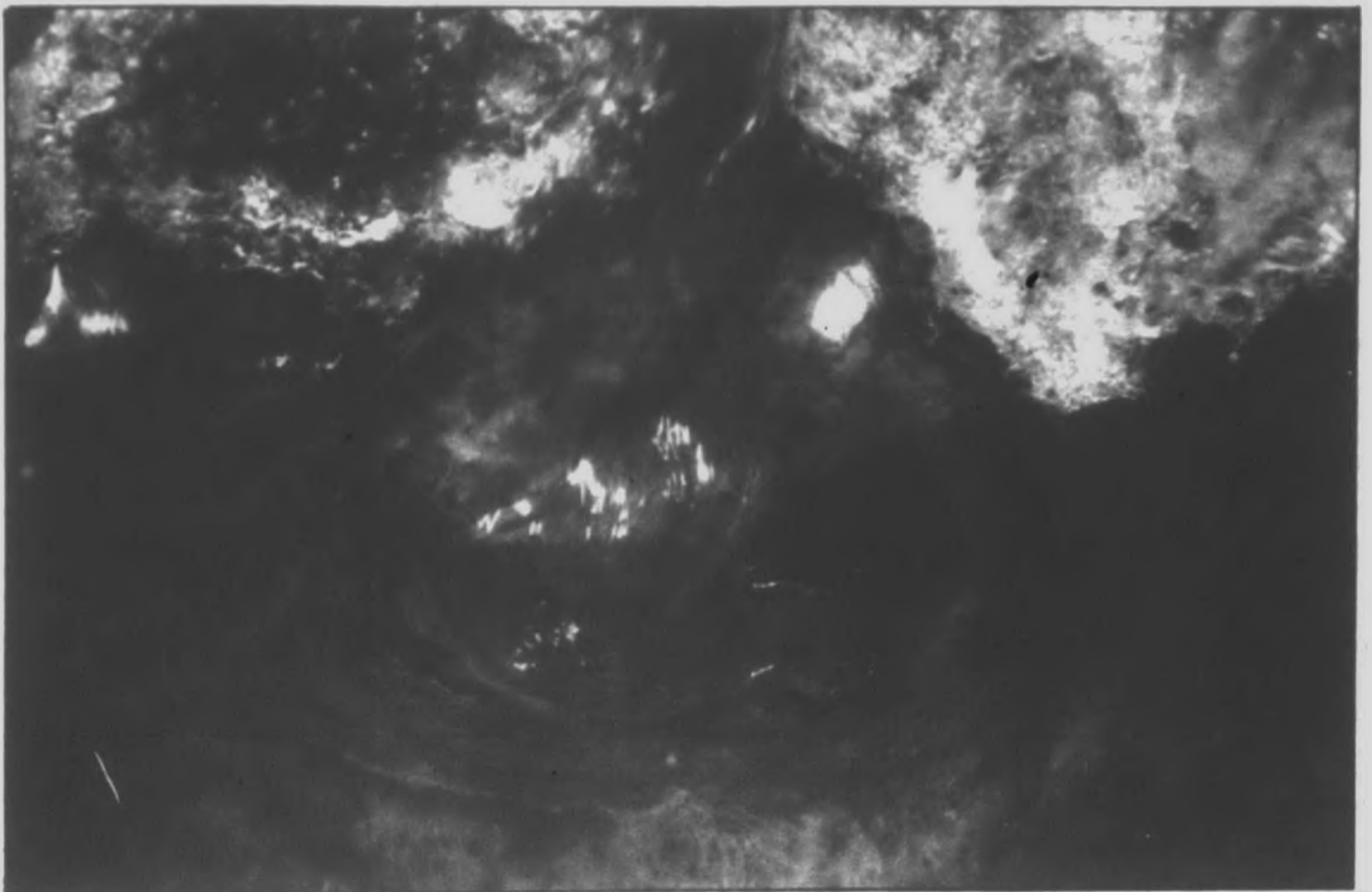
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This is all the trash that everyone forgot or was too lazy to recycle. Woodland Meadows Landfill is on Lotz Road in Canton.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

These high tension lines between Canton Center and Sheldon north of Cherry Hill could be considered visual pollution. Some experts say the lines cause cancer and other experts disagree.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

This tire was stuck in the Rouge River under a bridge near Michigan Avenue in Canton.

# Cyclists hit the road to help fight child abuse

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Abused children are the last thing you would think about while riding down a country road on a balmy spring day.

That's unless it's May 11 in Canton when riders hit the township's western rural roads for the Metro Area Warm Up fund-raiser.

Residents of Wayne, Oakland, Monroe and Washtenaw counties are invited to collect pledges to fight child abuse and neglect.

The ride is 14 miles and the energetic are invited to repeat the route as many times as they like. Another route is four miles long through a subdivision and is suggested for children and families.

"The ride is not only a way to raise much needed dollars but it also raises the problems of child neglect and abuse," said Sandra Murphy, executive director of the Out Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

THE COUNCIL'S primary purpose is to prevent child abuse through education, public awareness activities, training professionals and general public education.

"People who come to ride might not realize there is a problem and maybe they'll think, even for only a moment, that there are children who are at risk and in families who need help," Murphy said.

Last year, 150 riders in Canton raised \$20,000.

"We're looking to double the riders and money," said Bill Joyner, co-director of the local ride and co-owner of Public Administration Research Group.

This year riders will think they stepped back in time, when the route takes them past the historic Cherry Hill School house. The Cherry Hill and Ridge location is a designated rest area for weary riders.

Apples, juice boxes and cookies, donated by the Kroger on Sheldon and Ford roads will be given away.

Lunch is provided by Little Caesar's until the pizza supply lasts. And if first aid is needed, a nurse from Oakwood Canton Center will be available.

The day's events include a one mile ride by politicians in the morning. Children's activities will include clowns, balloon give aways, face painting and other activities. Also, Patti Brehler, the world's women's tandem record holder, will be on hand to give cycling tips.

Prizes, including a bicycle, will be given to the riders with the most pledges. And the first 100 riders will be given a water bottle.

Other fund-raisers to fight child abuse and neglect are bicycle rides in May 18 in Midland and May 11 in Lapeer. The state ride is in Lansing, June 8.

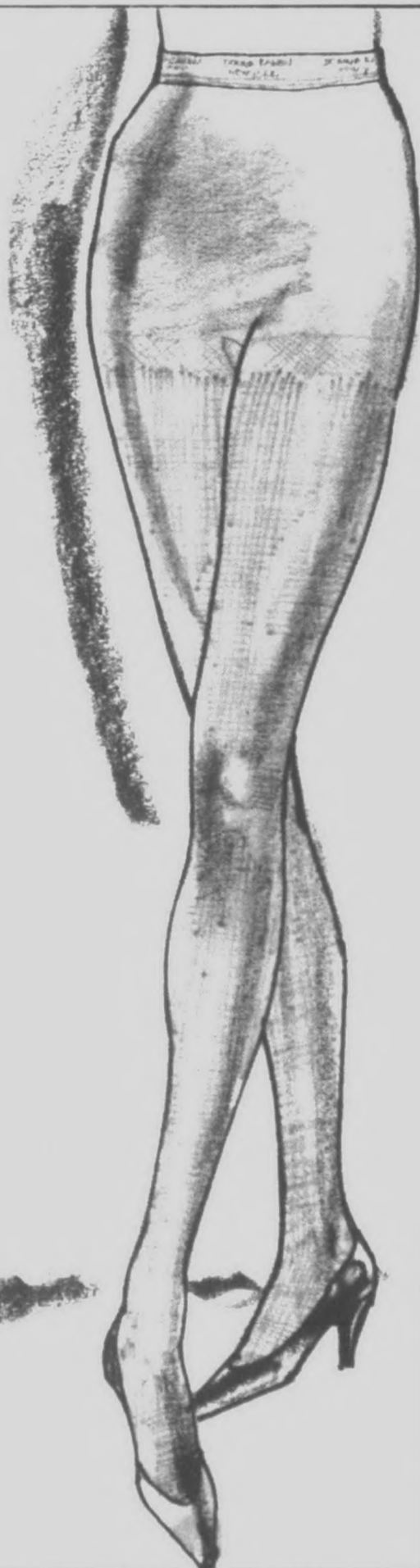
Registration and pledge forms for the Canton ride are available at the Canton administration building or by calling Murphy at 561-4110.



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## Growing

Erik Reitz, 8, a second grade student at Smith School, examines a pine seedling that will be planted by himself and fellow students. The trees were donated to the school by the Plymouth Rotary.



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## Community Corner

This week's question:

**What wasteful practice or source of pollution would you eliminate to help the Earth?**

We asked this question in downtown Plymouth.



"I think the waste in some of the fast food restaurants could be controlled."  
— M.D. Campbell  
Plymouth



"Newsprint, because of the electronic media we have available."  
— Karen Gearns  
Plymouth



"There are so many things. I think that the newspaper industry should start to recycle their newspapers."  
— April Mundo  
Canton



"All the paper products that are used in offices."  
— Tamara Wood  
Plymouth



"Something that strikes me is there is a cafe that serves their food on Styrofoam plates and plastic ware. I intend to write a letter and ask if they could change it."  
— Sandy Baranski  
Plymouth



"I think Styrofoam trays in our cafeteria. They recycle them but it's still bad."  
— Leanne Baranski  
Plymouth

## Trustee moving, to quit Canton board

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

John Preniczky will resign from the Canton Board of Trustees in June when he moves to a Northville condominium.

Preniczky and his wife, Tommie, want to leave their four bedroom house that became too big for their needs once their sons, John, 26, and Tom, 24, moved out.

Preniczky, 48, said it was hard to give up 18 years of living in Canton and six years as a trustee. His term expires November 1992.

"My wife, Tommie, and I have agonized for a long time," said Preniczky adding that they had planned to move to a proposed Canton condominium that was never built.

"We found one we like even better," Preniczky said.

But it's especially hard to leave

the board at a time when trustees are tackling a lot of exciting issues, he said. And the personality conflicts that tainted meetings in the past are gone.

"It's been so enjoyable working with (Supervisor) Tom Yack and the board that is there now," Preniczky said. "As opposed to the last year of the previous board where there was so much conflict. You get so much done and so much accomplished now."

Preniczky played an important role on the board, according to Trustee Bob Shefferly.

"John lent a lot to the board," Shefferly said. "He's done a good job, and I hate to see him go. He had a sense of humor to lend to the board, and it was appreciated by a lot of us when we were deep in thought or into a heavy discussion."

Of his work on the board, Pren-

iczky said he was most proud of the roads that have been paved and agreements made with landfill operators.

"Since the establishment of landfills in Canton was probably inevitable, the negotiations to get a substantial amount of revenues from the landfills made it easier to swallow," he said.

As a member of the Fellows Creek Golf Course committee, Preniczky said he's also pleased with the improvements made at the Lotz Road greens.

However, he's also leaving behind unfinished business. Canton needs a recreation center, he said. "We have to figure out how to pay for it without additional taxes, but I think it's something that is sorely needed."

Also, a proposed golf course and residential area around township hall will add to Canton's image.

"It will bring value to the southern

part of the township," said Preniczky.

A lot of people unjustly believe south Canton has a stigma of being less prestigious than other parts of the township, he said.

Also, the proposed Downtown Development District is needed to give Canton residents "a town square and smaller shops that people can walk to," said Preniczky who previously served on the Economic Development Committee.

He recognized that these issues will be decided by others.

Although he wouldn't name anyone in particular, Preniczky said he would like to see a woman replace him. "There are a lot of well-qualified and probably interested women in Canton."

The Ford Motor Co. systems supervisor in the office of general counsel said he would take a wait-and-see approach to getting involved in Northville politics.

"I'll get involved in Northville, don't know if it will be political," he said.

His wife, Tommie, gives piano lessons for people of all ages out of their house. She also teaches a class, Kindermusik, of 4- and 5-year-olds from Arnoldt Williams Music, Canton.

Preniczky said he isn't as lucky as his wife to be able to maintain ties in Canton.

"That was really one of the big decisions we had to make.

"My leaving Canton and my leaving the board," he said.

## Township resurrects plan for golf course

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Two Canton developers have resurrected a plan to build a public golf course and residential area around township hall.

Dick Lewiston and Bob Paciocco are adopting an idea that was scrapped last year by F.W.S. Golf, because of the lack of financing, said Supervisor Tom Yack.

The company had options on about 700 acres bounded by Cherry Hill, the Rouge River, Canton Center and Beck.

HOWEVER, AN Ann Arbor company is working on a new design for an 18-hole public golf course with housing surrounding the course on between 500 and 550 acres in the same area.

Supervisor Tom Yack said a primary feature would be the open space surrounding houses that would cost more than \$225,000.

"And it provides recreation options for no cost, because golf courses are known for their ability to retire debt and remain self supporting," Yack said.

The people involved come to the project with experience.

Lewiston, owner of Practical Homes, has developed more subdivisions in Canton than any other

developer. Some of his projects include Sunflower subdivisions and Glengarry homes across from the township administration building.

Paciocco, of Pama Investments and Carrollton Arms, has developed a number of projects in Plymouth Township as well as Canton.

Paciocco owns 80 acres in the project area, Lewiston recently bought 160 acres at Proctor and Beck and Canton owns 250 acres, according to a township spokesperson.

BEST OF ALL, Yack said, the upscale development would embellish Canton's civic center at Canton Center and Proctor. One-by-one administration buildings have cropped-up around the administration building, which sits between the public safety building and the Canton library.

If money is available, township administrators plan to build a recreation complex behind the library.

A guess about when the golf course and houses would be built, Yack said, "wouldn't be worth the paper it's printed on," because the plans are preliminary.

He also predicted the planning would take a lot of time, because Canton and the two developers may have different ideas.

## Field open for board appointment

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Canton trustees have a long list of names to choose from to fill John Preniczky's seat when he leaves his trustee seat in July.

The board of trustees will appoint someone to finish his term, which expires November 1992. Preniczky said last week that he planned to move out of the township.

This will be the second appointment to the current board. The first vacancy was filled by trustee Phil LaJoy. He replaced trustee Hank Whalen who died in September 1989.

THE FIELD of possible candidates to fill Preniczky's position looks like a Canton telephone directory. But observers say no one is a shoe in, yet, anyway.

A good bet though is that the person won't be a Democrat since all the trustees are Republicans.

"Being the manager of votes, I can't think of anyone who has gotten two votes," said clerk Loren Bennett.

"I truly believe it's an absolute wide open case," he said. "I don't think there are any inside runners. There's a long list of competent people."

Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter said she could think of a lot of people who would be good picks.

"I'm still open for suggestions," she said.

However, her first choice, she said, is longtime community volunteer Flossie Tonda.

Kirchgatter said she could also support planning commissioner Vic Gustafson and planning commission

chairman John Burdziak.

Trustee Bob Shefferly said he believed the job should be given to Ralph Shufeldt who ran for trustee in 1988.

"He ran and almost won," Shefferly said. "I still feel he should have a shot at it. He came in very close. He went through all the hoops of running in that election."

SUPERVISOR TOM YACK named: Shufeldt; Gustafson; Bruce Patterson, Canton Merit Commission member and volunteer of the Canton Foundation; Don Voyles, a Canton Merit Commission member, who has also served on other committees and Mike Gulkewicz, a recreation committee member.

Treasurer Gerald Brown and trustee Phil LaJoy could not be reached for comment.

**"I'm worried about Mom"**

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# Homeless shelter opens in Westland

By Leonard Poger  
staff writer

A section of a deteriorating Wayne County building in Westland has been renovated to create temporary homes for 26 families with small children.

The renovation, described by county officials as a model of a facility for homeless families for the nation, was formally opened to the public and media Monday morning.

The first families are expected to move in for periods up to 30 days about May 1, said Linda Makowski, manager of the Wayne County Family Center. The facility is located in the former county commissary building on Michigan Avenue, between Merriman and Henry Ruff.

The first county facility for homeless families "has long been a dream for all of us," said county commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, whose district includes Westland and Garden City.

The shelter will also "give dignity and humanity and offer a brighter future" to those families, said Luther Flanagan, executive director of Wayne Metro Community Services, a private agency which will operate the center.

Flanagan said that potential numbers of homeless is based on the agency's figures which show that about 2 percent of the coun-

ty's poor are expected to be homeless at some point during a year. He estimated the poor at between 163,000 and 180,000.

THE CENTER is described as a "place of hope and renewal," said Rick Pennings, acting director of the Michigan State Housing Authority.

County executive Edward McNamara, who presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony and press conference, stressed that the shelter will provide much more than just temporary housing for homeless families.

"There will be counseling, job training, help in looking for affordable housing, and help to let the people get back on their feet," he said.

McNamara also praised the cities in the county for allocating part of their federal block grant funds to pay for the family center.

He also complimented the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department for approving \$1 million in operational funds and other private and commercial groups for their donations.

For example, J.C. Penney Inc. donated mattresses, a Livonia Holiday Inn provided linens and other furnishings, the Detroit Edison Foundation contributed rollaway beds and cash while the Michigan Landscaping Association handled the landscaping outside the building.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

**Madeline Schroeder, director of the Westland child and family neighborhood program, gets a close look at toys in one of the children's bedrooms at the new Wayne County Family Center.**

IN DESCRIBING the center as one of the largest in the country, McNamara stressed that the shelter will preserve the family unit which "is so important to our society."

DeWitt Henry, assistant county executive in charge of jobs and

economic development, called the renovation a "miracle" in view of the massive amount of work that had to be done.

To get an idea of the original condition of the building's first floor, visitors should see the second floor.

# New hotline makes volunteering easy

Want to lend a hand? Make a donation?

Doing either will be easier beginning Wednesday, May 1, when the new "HelpLink HotLine" becomes operative.

The hotline — initiated in observance of National Volunteer Week — will enable volunteers to contact nonprofit agencies that need money or workers.

"We know there are many people out there who want to volunteer to help others, but don't know how to go about it," said Alinet President John Zrno. "The HelpLink HotLine enables prospective volunteers to quickly learn about agencies needing help."

Zrno offered his comments Tuesday during a press conference at the Detroit headquarters of Alternatives for Girls, an example of agencies that are expected to benefit from the new hotline.

ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS, located in the shadow of Tiger Stadium, tries to alert young women to the dangers of prostitution and inform them of alternatives.

Also boosting the system was Lem Barney, a former defensive back with the Detroit Lions. "Volunteering through the HelpLink HotLine is one way for Detroiters to help brighten the city's image and show

they care."

Zrno said volunteers are especially needed in light of budget cuts and the problems they create for social agencies. "With massive cuts in both state and federal budgets, non-profit agencies need our help more than ever."

"We see this (HelpLink) as a high-tech way of tugging at people's heart strings," said Zrno.

The HelpLink number is 1-800-UR-VITAL, or 1-800-878-4825. People who call that number looking for assistance will be directed to the 24-hour human service referral program operated by the United Community Services.

WHEN PEOPLE CALL HelpLink, they will get a computerized director of up to 25 non-profit agencies and information on contacting them.

Callers can listen to the agency's recorded information and then leave a message for the agency.

Some agencies in the Oakland and western Wayne county areas who have expressed a commitment to participate or act as a distribution network for HelpLink materials include: ARC of Oakland County, Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland, Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield, Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County, Forgotten Harvest, The Haven, JARC, Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Judson Center, Kadima, Meals on Wheels, National Society of Fundraising Executives, Orchards, The Sanctuary, Inc., The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW).

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# Police pool resources to stop drug sales

By LaAnne Rogers  
staff writer

Prosecution of drug cases would be much more difficult without regional units like the Western Wayne County Narcotics Enforcement Team, according to prosecutors.

"Detroit is different. Typically, Detroit drug dealers tend to stay in the city," said Paul Bernier, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor assigned to the drug unit. "In western Wayne County, the dealers don't know boundaries. There is not a Garden City or Dearborn dealer. They go all over western Wayne."

The various Michigan state police

concept enforcement teams, which also focus on other crimes such as auto theft, make working in local communities easier by using local officers assigned to the units, he said.

"For the smaller communities, it's nice to have local officers working drugs. No one knows it like the local officers," Bernier said. "But from a staffing perspective, you need so many people that it's better to be attached to Western Wayne."

About two years after joining the prosecutor's staff, Bernier, now 33, was transferred to the special operations division and assigned to the prosecutor's drug unit.

"I HAVE NO idea why I was assigned to the unit. I'd like to think it was because I was doing a good job," he said. "I didn't have any special training but working down here you can't help but do a lot of narcotics and murder cases."

When Bernier and two other assistant prosecutors were assigned specifically to handle drug cases three years ago, the bulk of cases were coming from western Wayne County.

"It goes in cycles. The cycle switched for awhile to Detroit," he said. "Now it's going back a bit (to the suburbs)."

Once enforcement is able to cut

out a drug organization in the suburbs, Bernier said it takes some time for a 18- to 20-member group to fill the void.

"It's not like Detroit where someone will fill a spot in 10 minutes," he said.

It is naive to think drug activity can be pushed out of a local community, he said, because the problem is too widespread.

"You can't be parochial about drugs. It's a national problem," Bernier said. "We need to solve all the way. If it is difficult to buy drugs in Garden City, they will go to Westland."

The fight against drugs needs a

twofold emphasis, he said, a combination of education and enforcement.

"I put a lot more faith in education than rehabilitation," Bernier said. "From a drug trafficking view, the dealer is motivated by pure greed. You're not going to rehabilitate that."

YOUNGSTERS need to be taught about what will happen to them if they get involved in selling drugs, he said.

"Long term in drug dealing, you will either be killed or in jail," Bernier said.

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## Cocaine, LSD top list of drugs seized in county

Illegal drugs with an estimated street value of \$1.3 million were purchased or confiscated in 1990 through the efforts of the Western Wayne County Narcotic Enforcement Team.

That figure was more than double the street value of illegal drugs purchased or seized by the 10-member unit in 1988-1989 in which \$496,986 worth of drugs was confiscated.

"Because of the media, people are aware narcotics is a horrendous problem," said Michigan State Police Lt. John Shewell, unit director.

Formed in 1986, the Western Wayne County Narcotic Enforcement Team currently is assigned five Michigan State police officers and an officer each from Canton, Westland, Livonia, Wayne and Van Buren Township.

Garden City Police Chief Roger Wilkes chairs the unit's board of directors although his department cur-

rently doesn't have an officer in the unit.

The largest purchases or seizures by the unit in 1990 were 8603.3 grams of cocaine and 28,885 units of LSD.

Members of the unit made 104 arrests in 1990, with charges including 39 counts of delivery of cocaine over 50 grams and 20 counts for delivery of marijuana. The arrests were made in 24 different communities in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Kent counties.

"It's the value of the cooperative force concept. The fact is that we are mobile. The dope dealers are mobile," said Shewell, unit director. "We have no jurisdictional boundaries to overcome. Out-of-state cases, we work constantly with federal groups."

Communities which have an officer assigned to the unit do receive priority treatment on enforcement and arrests, he said. Each local officer's salary is paid by his/her department.

"It is preferable to have a body from each community assigned to the unit," Shewell said. "That officer usually has a finger on the pulse of who the dealers are and what is going on. The local patrol officers will call him with information, too."

Officers volunteer for assignment to Western Wayne, then members of the unit interview the would-be undercover officers and make the selection.

Western Wayne initiated 133 complaints in 1990, which resulted in 104 arrests of multiple class narcotics violators on 138 counts.

During 1988-1989, a 15-month reporting period, the unit initiated 223 complaints with 164 arrests on 228 counts.

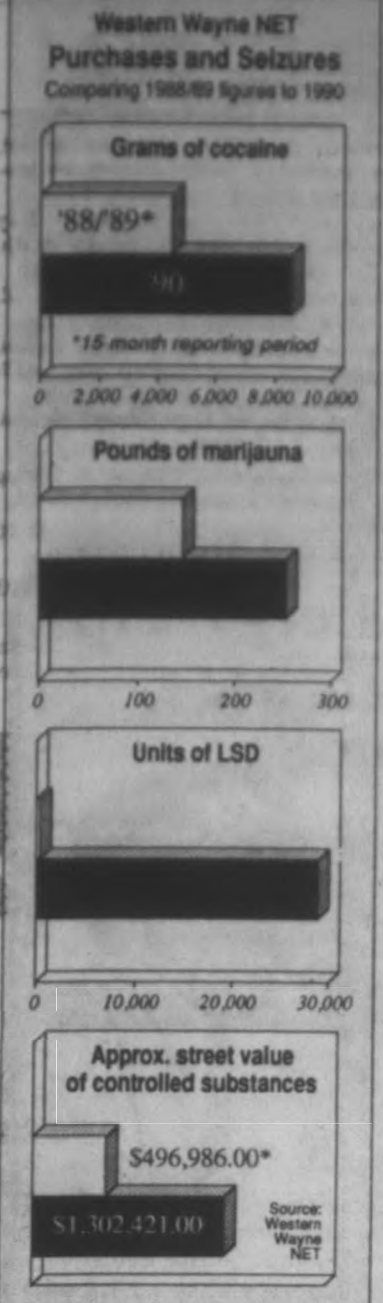
Since the Western Wayne narcotics enforcement team was started, Shewell said it has received strong support from local communities.

Unlike some regional law enforcement groups which have gotten into disputes with local agencies over

drug-related forfeitures, he said that hasn't been an issue in Western Wayne County.

"Our main goal is not to seize money but to put defendants in jail. It's good to keep that in mind," said Shewell, who has worked off and on in narcotics since 1969. "The bigger the dealer, the better. Forfeitures

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# Ex-teacher gets 18-month term

Former West Bloomfield High School teacher James Spinelle, 48, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 18 months in prison for manufacturing marijuana.

Also sentenced were Richard Barth, 31, and Elmer Drouillard, 43. Barth also received 18 months while Drouillard received a one-year sentence.

The three were accused of hydroponically growing marijuana in the basement of a Southfield home. Hydroponic growing uses a nutrient-rich fluid to feed the plants instead

of soil.

The home was raided by federal agents in March 1990. They seized 388 plants.

Spinelle recently resigned from the school district. According to Markham, there was no proof that Spinelle was selling drugs to students.

The three could have been sentenced to up to 63 months in prison. U.S. Attorney Stephen Markham argued against the lesser sentences imposed by Judge John Feikens.

# Area hospital pushes for medical liability reform

Officials from St. Mary Hospital met earlier this month with state lawmakers to push for reform of the state's medical liability system.

The delegation from the Livonia hospital met with state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Livonia, whose district includes Livonia, and state Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia.

Joining more than 1,100 hospital leaders from across the state at Michigan Hospital Association Day at the capitol were: Sr. Mary Cynthia Ann, administrative assistant; Donald Horkey, director of the St. Mary Hospital Foundation; Julie Sproul, director of community relations; and Lucy Carmanna, patient representative.

The annual event brings state lawmakers and hospital representatives together to discuss pressing health care policies.

As part of the event, hospitals from throughout Michigan brought nearly 350 bags containing more than 100,000 telegrams to legislators calling for immediate reform of the

medical liability system in Michigan. St. Mary Hospital delivered more than 600 telegrams, signed by hospital employees, physicians, and nurses.

"There is a crisis in cost and access to health care that medical liability reform can help solve," said Sr. Mary Modesta, president and chief executive officer of St. Mary Hospital.

"Hospitals and physicians in Michigan spend nearly \$500 million annually on medical liability insurance premiums. That huge sum could be better channeled into improved services and greater access to health care for every Michigan citizen."

Proposals to reform Michigan's medical liability system will be introduced soon in the House and Senate and are supported by Gov. John Engler.

Provisions in the proposed legislation include arbitration or mediation to speed case resolution, and limits on non-economic damages and attorney contingency fees.

## military news

**NAVY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS RICHARD M. BOWES**, son of Mary E. Housey of Canton, recently returned from deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Storm while serving aboard the combat store ship USS Sylvania, homeported in Norfolk, Va. He is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

**AIR FORCE CAPT. LANETTE L. DeVENNY**, a clinical nurse, has arrived for duty at Bitburg Air Base, Germany. DeVenny is the daughter of Dorothy F. DeVenny of Canton. The captain graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1982 and graduated from Madonna College in 1986.

**NAVY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RUSSELL D. FLORESKI**, son of Donald W. Floreski of Canton, recently returned from a deterrent patrol while serving aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Alabama, homeported in Bangor, Wash. He is a 1978 graduate of Centerville High School in Ohio.

**NAVY FIREMAN RECRUIT BLAKE H. GRAN**, whose wife, Virginia, is the daughter of Betty L. Durnyaski of Canton, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego. He is the son of Kathy A. Gran of Plymouth and is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

**PVT. WILLIAM D. MONETTE** has completed the cavalry scout course at Fort Knox, Ky. Monette is the son of Donald R. Monette of Canton and is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

**AIRMAN BRET A. PETERMAN** has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the husband of Kathy Peterman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Peterman of Canton. The airman is a 1989 graduate of Lewiston High School, Maine.

**NAVY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS JAMES M. RYAN**, son of James P. and Gail D. Ryan of Canton, recently returned from deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Storm while serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS South Carolina, homeported in Norfolk, Va. He is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

**PVT. JOSEPH D. TIMKO** has received the Parachutist Badge upon completion of a three-week airborne course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Donald Timko of Livonia and Denise J. Barry of Plymouth. The private is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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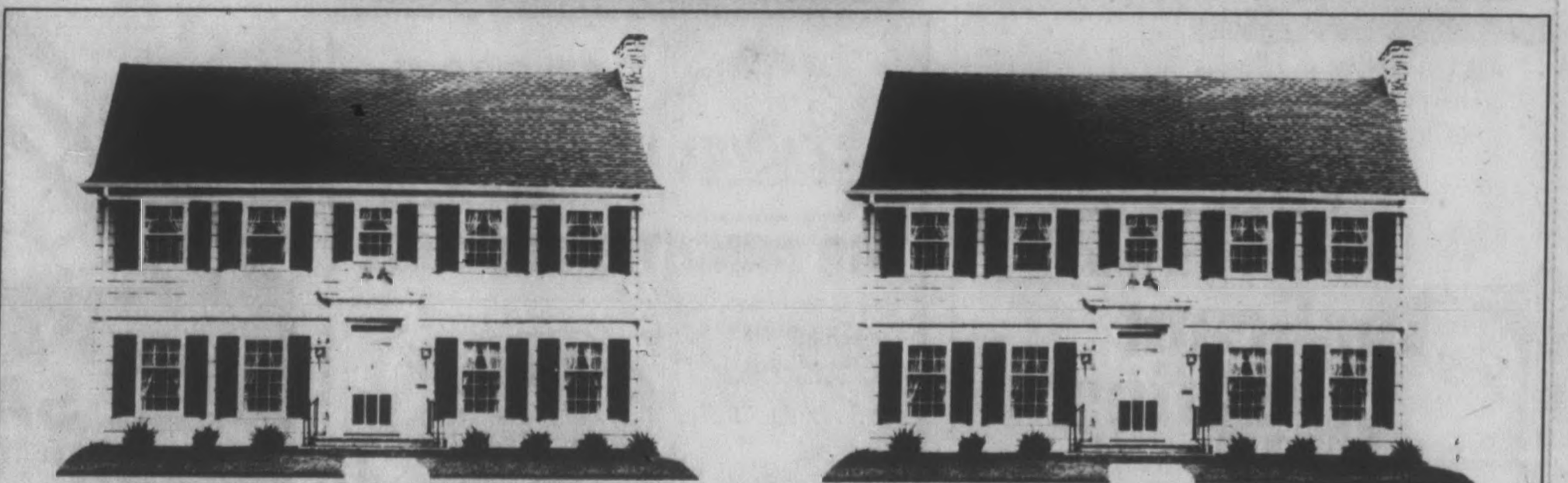
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# Team cracks down on suburban drug dealers

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nier said. "We need to start with education real young. High school is too late. The most important lesson has to come from parents, not from school."

More than most crimes, drugs have a ripple effect that cuts across a wide section of the community.

"With drugs you have the user and the people he's robbing. You have people killed for drugs and killed in breaking and enterings," Bernier said. "Even the unborn are affected. Babies are being born addicted."

Seating jurors to hear drug cases

can take longer than murder cases these days, he said, after citizens are questioned about how drugs or drug-related crime that has impacted them or their families.

There has been an increasing perception that drugs are a real problem, he said, a change over attitudes just a few years ago.

"There is a strong anti-drug bias now," Bernier said. "If the facts are there, the jury wants to convict a drug dealer."

A lot of the bigger cases involving marijuana will be prosecuted under federal law, he said, which carries stiffer penalties than state statutes.

"If I had a million pounds of marijuana, if I'm making \$1 million on it, I'd still only get four years (under state law)," Bernier said. "There are more and more large marijuana cases. There is incredible profit with a corresponding lack of penalties."

Conversely Michigan has the stiffest penalties in the nation for selling or buying cocaine and heroin including mandatory life prison sentences for large quantities.

"Anyone convicted on a mandatory life count never deals drugs again. Sure it's effective," Bernier said. "They knew what they were doing, not caring what they were

doing or who was killed by the drugs."

THE ASSISTANT prosecutor also is skeptical about people arrested with large quantities of drugs who seek leniency claiming it was a first time occurrence.

"No one gets a kilo of drugs their first time out. It's a naive argument," Bernier said. "They are a well-trusted mule. No one ever forced someone to deal drugs."

When convicted suburban drug dealers face sentencing, they often try to get lighter penalties by citing their solid background in the com-

munity. "They'll say they are college graduates, have a nice family and a job. Give me a break," Bernier said. "That person deserves the maximum sentence. They got every break in the world. Greed pure and simple was the motive."

A steady flow of narcotics officers

seeking search warrant authorization pass through the tiny Frank Murphy Hall of Justice office shared by Bernier and fellow drug prosecutor James Metz.

"I'd like to believe that I'd be out of job sometime. Do I see it happening now? No," Bernier said. "It's too large and widespread a problem."

## Grabbed, nabbed

### County unit seizes more than \$1 million in drugs

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are designed to hurt them and it does."

The draw of easy money outweighs concerns drug dealers might have about the possible loss of

homes, vehicles or other property used to facilitate drug transaction, he said.

A misconception about drug dealers is that they have flashy lifestyles and live on their drug revenues.

"We've arrested class one dealers

who live low key. They aren't flamboyant," Shewell said.

During his experience in narcotics enforcement, Shewell said the biggest change he witnessed was the shift from heavy heroin sales to cocaine.

"Pot has remained the same. The more expensive it is, the more powerful it is," he said. "People (selling marijuana) shouldn't be surprised at the force coming down on them (compared to dealers in other drugs)."

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# campus news

**CHARLENE SHEDD**, of Plymouth, was named to the honor society at Eastern Michigan University.

**MICHAEL J. LIBBING**, son of Jane and Fred Libbing of Plymouth, was recently named "Outstanding Senior" in Accounting Information Systems in the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University. He will graduate this June. He is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

**PAUL CUSICK**, fourth grader of Plymouth Township, received the Overseas Award in the category of boys under age 11 at the Irish World Dance Championships in Ireland. He and his dance teacher, Tim O'Hare, of Canton, are the only two Michigan residents ever to win the North American championship.

**BRIAN RIGGS**, of Canton, and **ELIZABETH BARNHILL**, of Plymouth, have been named to the dean's list at Johnson & Wales University.

**JOE CRANFORD**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cranford of Plymouth, recently performed in the Spring Sing at Harding University.

**JEFFREY A. HORNE**, of Plymouth, is participating in Kalamazoo College's foreign study program and will live with a host family in Madrid, Spain. He is the son of Richard C. Horne of Plymouth and Christine L. Horne of Westland. He is a graduate of Franklin High School. **CANDICE S. JONES**, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Stephen A. Jones of Canton, will live with a host family in Caen, France. She is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

**SARAH PACKARD**, seventh grader at West Middle School in Plymouth, participated in the first round in the Lawrence Technological University/Detroit News Spelling Bee.

**YASH VIJ**, of Canton, has been named to the faculty at Lawrence Technological University.

**JOHN R. KRAFT** is among the following Canton residents to be named to the dean's honor roll at Lawrence Technological University: **DEAN P. JARSKI**, **LISA J. WUNDERLICH** and **RICK E. WUNDERLICH**. Plymouth residents are **PETER A. BIDOLLI**, **JAMES D. ERVIN**, **RALPH R. JONES** and **DOUGLAS W. VEIT**.

**NICOLE CARINCI**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Carinci of Canton, was named to the high honors list at The Leelanau School.

**KATIE DARLING**, sixth grader, is among the following Lowell Middle School students to recently compete in the Wayne County Regional Tournament. Lowell's Science Olympiad Team placed fourth overall in Division B, the middle school level. Other sixth graders receiving medals are: **NATE STRECH** (3 medals) and **ERIC RIDDERING** (2 medals); seventh graders, **A. J. LAVANDER**, **TO-**

**MOKO KASHIWAGI** (2 medals), **KANWALDEEP BAGRE** and **DAVID RITTER**; and eighth graders, **BEN HESS** (3 medals), **MATT LAWRENCE**, **BRIAN HALAS** and **DENNELLE GORA**.

**BRIDGET M. COLLINS**, of Plymouth, graduated from Marquette University.

**SUZANNE E. LaRICHE**, of Plymouth, graduated from Michigan State University. She is a 1986 graduate of Mercy High School and is the daughter of Lou and Gail LaRiche.

**STEVEN L. DICKIE**, of Canton, was named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University. Plymouth residents are **JOEL R. KUHN**, **KATHLEEN R. McDONALD** and **JAMES R. SKICKI**.

**DAPHNE BRIGGS**, of Canton, was a soloist in the Oakland Chorale, presenting its last concert of the season, "Serenade of Music."

**THEODORE STEVKO**, of Plymouth, received a scholarship at Ohio State University. He is a senior at Plymouth Canton High School and is the son of Paul and Janice Stevko.

**TIMOTHY BERGLUND**, of Plymouth, has been named to the dean's list at Providence College.

**PATRICIA DIMITRI** is among the following Canton residents attending Schoolcraft College recently honored by Wayne State University at a Recognition of Excellence Luncheon: **JANICE GLOWINSKI** and **DEBORAH MORENO**.

**TAMARA TILLEY**, of Plymouth, has been accepted to Taylor University. Canton residents accepted are **JAY SIMON** and **KAREN TEMPLE**.

**KRIS S. KAPPLER**, of Plymouth, is enrolled at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in the master's level program.

**ALAN MATHEWS**, of Plymouth, recently graduated from Texas A & M University. He is the son of Dwight and Carole Mathews.

**CINDY E. SADLOCHA** received honors at University of Michigan. She is the daughter of Stephen and Suzanne Sadlocha of Plymouth.

**DOUGLAS M. DONALDSON**, son of Michael and Virginia Donaldson of Canton, has been elected for membership into the national engineering honor society at University of Michigan. He is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

**JENNIFER A. ASHTON**, of Plymouth, received a veterinary medicine

scholarship from University of Minnesota College. She is a 1985 graduate of Greenhills School in Ann Arbor. She is the daughter of Nancy and John Ashton of Plymouth.

**JUDITH M. BAHNMILLER** is among the following Plymouth residents to graduate from Washtenaw Community College: **ELIZABETH A. BUTZOW** and **JENNIFER A. LIEPA**.

**LISA MICKEY**, daughter of Patricia and Eric Cormack of Plymouth, has been named the outstanding student in the Department of Engineering Technology in Western Michigan University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1987.

# obituaries

**GEORGE T. MILLS SR.**

Services for George T. Mills Sr., 67, of Canton were Monday, April 22, at Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Mills was born Aug. 15, 1923, in New Castle, Pa. He died Saturday, April 20, in Glacier Hills Nursing Home in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Mills is survived by one son, George T. Mills Jr. of Lincoln Park; two stepsons, James Boles of Canton and Bruce Boles of Canton; four daughters, Sandra Glenn of Ham-

burg, Sheryl Toupin of Plymouth, Sherita Zielke of Highland and Stacy Gryglewski of New Port Richie, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Mills came to the Canton community 15 years ago from Detroit. He was employed as a truck driver and transported new trucks. He was a member of the Teamsters and was a World War II Army veteran.

The Rev. David Speicher of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Ann Arbor officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Michigan Heart Association or in the form of Mass cards.

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# Spring bloom brightens woodland trail

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Contrasting with the neutral browns and grays of the forest floor are the white, blue or electric purple colors of the flower. Surprisingly enough, this flower has no petals. These beautiful colors are from sepals, supported underneath by bracts and attached to a fuzzy stem. Stems rise only 4-6 inches above the ground.

Lying flat on the ground are the brownish-green or liver-colored leaves. Each leaf has three lobes. It is the color and shape of the leaves that insinuated its medicinal application.

In the not-too-distant past, the doctrine of signatures prevailed before modern medicines became available. If any structure of a plant resembled a part of the human body, its signature, it was thought that by using that part of the plant it would heal ailments of that part of the body which it resembled.

Thus hepatica leaves were used to treat liver ailments. Other plants resembling other parts of the human body were used to treat other problems. Snapdragon family plants, such as butter and eggs, were used to treat throat problems because people thought the flower resembled a throat.

Bellwort flowers that are long and tubular looking were also used to cure throat ailments because it looked like the uvula in the throat.



nature

Timothy Nowicki

If you have ever walked in fields in fall, you have probably collected half-inch round burrs with several "fish-hook" spikes radiating from the center of the sphere. Those radiating hooks are connected to seeds and are designed like that so they will attach to fur, or cloth and be dispersed.

Well, according to the doctrine of signature, because those burrs stuck to anything, people ate the burrs to help things "stick" in their mind.

Another spring wildflower, not very common in southeastern Michigan woodlots, is the toothwort. On its roots are white toothlike projections, and as you have guessed, it was used to relieve toothaches.

In most cases these plants did not cure or relieve anything. Some plants have been analyzed and do have chemicals recognized as pain relievers, but they are not very common.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.



Hepatica is one of the very first spring wildflowers to bloom.

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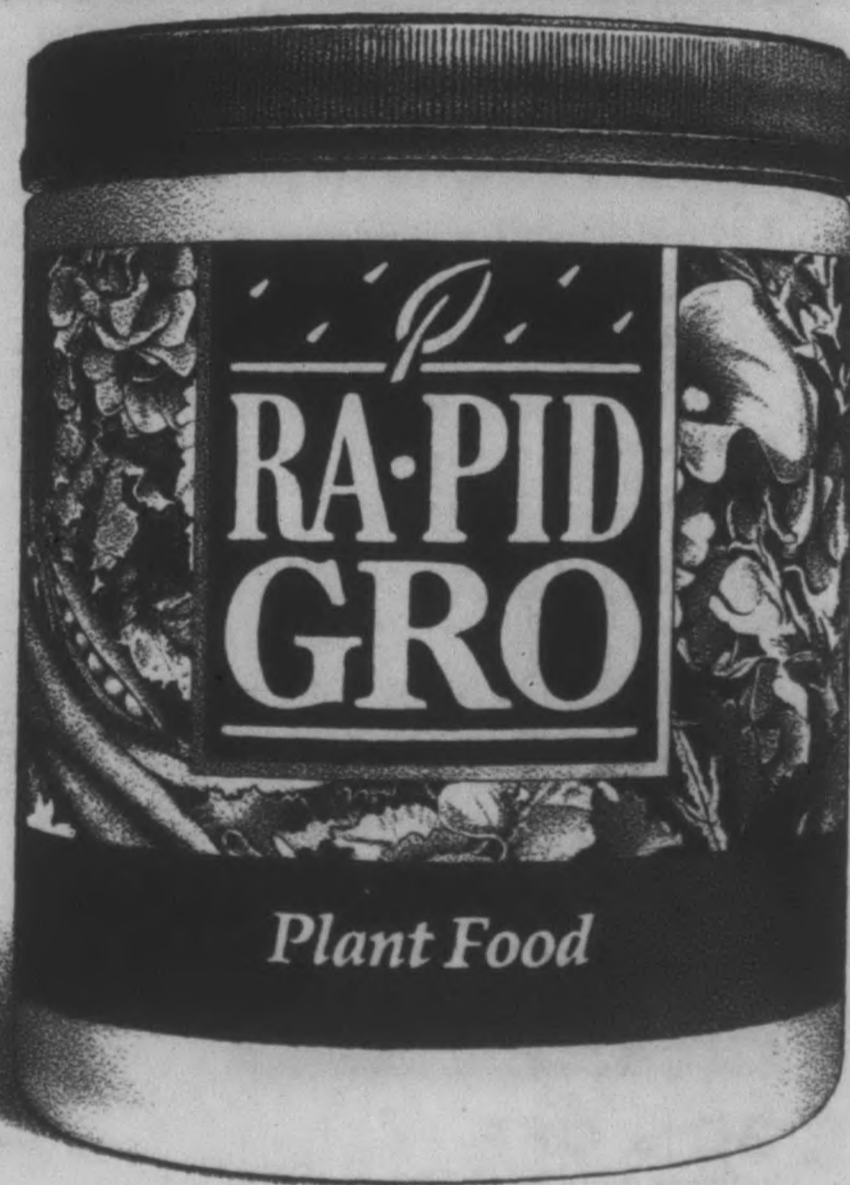
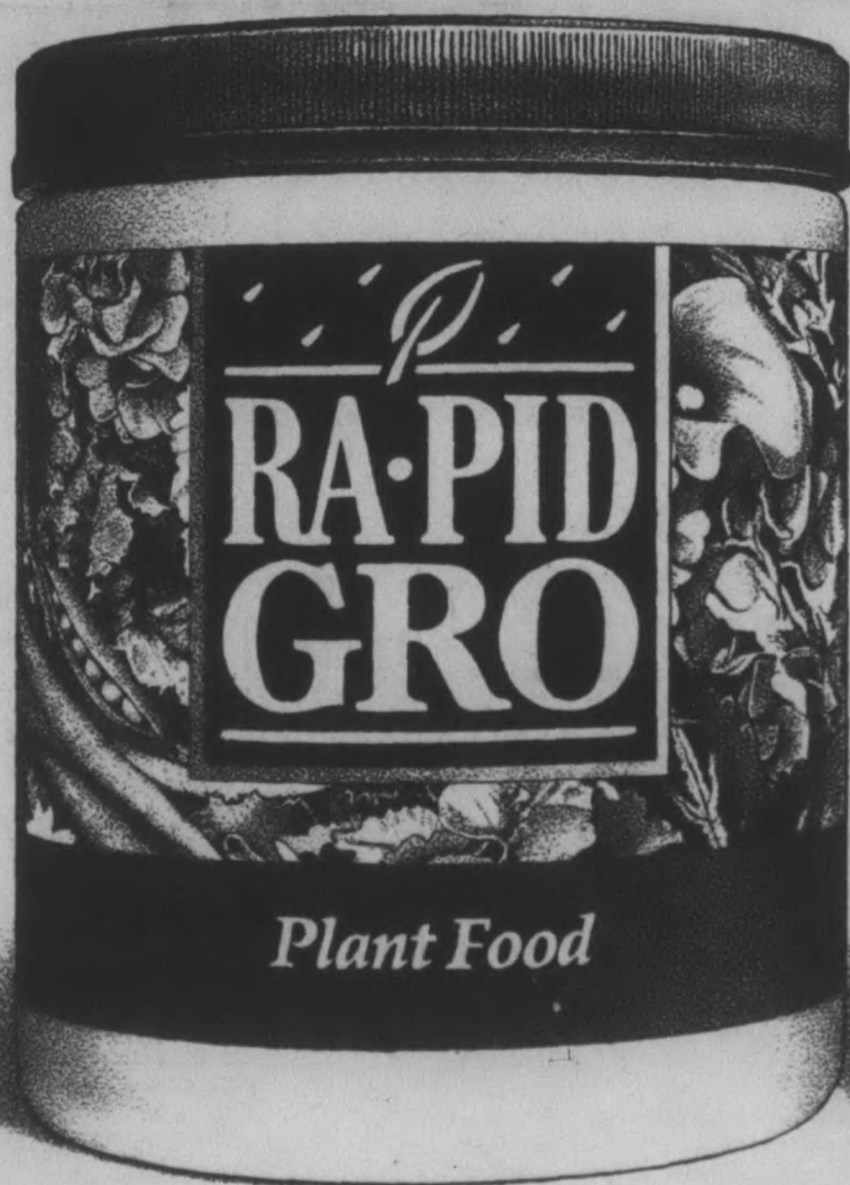
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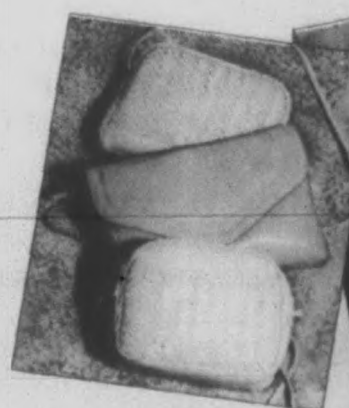
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## Antiques and antics

### Old Village festival to focus on children

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

More kids activities are featured in this year's Old Village Spring Festival, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

"We're having a children's fair," said Susan Fitzmaurice, owner of the Curious Child at 819 N. Mill. The fair will be centered behind the store.

"We'll have local child groups like the Girl Scouts and First Step creating carnival games," she continued. "All ticket money goes to the individual charity you support by playing the game."

Those charities include New Morning School, Opportunity House, the YMCA, Plymouth Co-op Nursery, and the Plymouth-Canton hockey association.

Also scheduled for kids is an ecology play performed by the Mamas and the Puppets, and storyteller Laura Pershin. For kids and adults, comedian and mime O.J. Anderson will perform.

All kids-related activities are scheduled from noon-5 p.m.

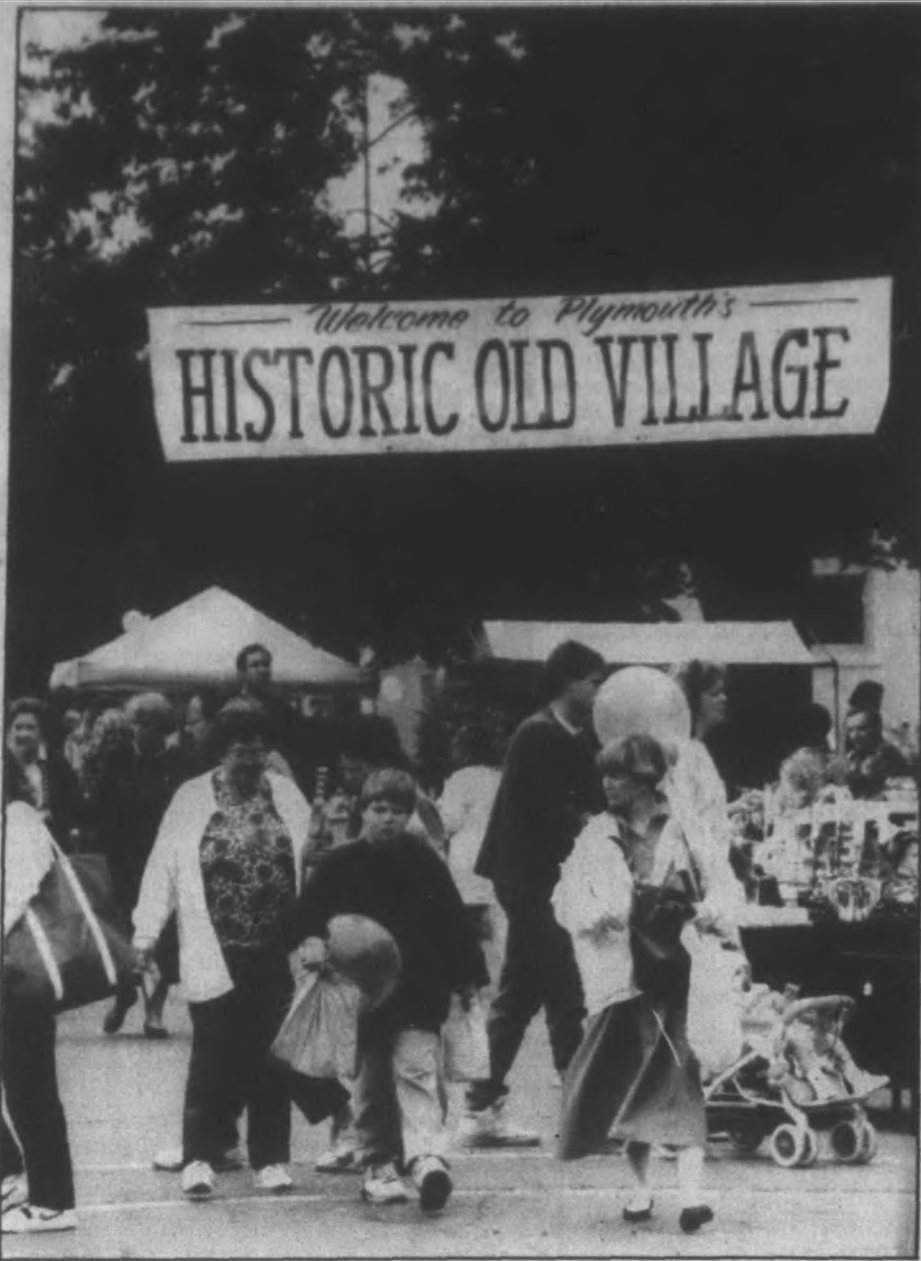
Fitzmaurice said there will also be a button-making machine, which for a charge can turn a photo into a button.

Also at this year's festival, flowers and floral baskets will be offered for sale. Mark Oppat, Old Village Association vice president, said, "We hope to line Liberty Street with flowers."

The festival also features antiques and crafts dealers, free entertainment and a nature art photography sale.

Founded in the 1870s, the Old Village area in north Plymouth is known for its variety of specialty and antiques shops.

Dealers seeking to display goods can still seek display space by calling 454-1515.



This year's Old Village Spring Festival, set for Sunday, May 5, features crafts, antiques and lots of activities for kids.

## Veterans plan May poppy sale

Helping disabled and needy veterans and widows and children of deceased veterans is the aim of the annual Buddy Poppy Fund Drive, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, May 16-18.

"All net proceeds from this endeavor are used for the aid and assistance of economically needy veterans and their families," said Joe Bida, junior vice commander of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6895, and 1991 chairman of the drive.

The VFW has a nationwide system of service officers trained to help veterans obtain veterans benefits and establish disability claims. The free service is paid for in part from the proceeds of buddy poppy sales.

More than 1,300 children of veterans have been or are now cared for in the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. Part of the home's operation is paid for through poppy sales.

The buddy poppy has been the symbolic flower of Memorial Day

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— Joe Bida

since the first poppy sale by the VFW in 1922. The poppy had a central part in the famous poem written to honor war dead, "In Flanders Fields."

"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow between the crosses row on row . . . to you, from falling hands, we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us, who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields."

## Chorus presents 'American Fare'

The Plymouth Community Chorus will present its annual Spring Concert "American Fare" at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Canton Center and Joy Roads in Canton.

The program consists of music composed and/or arranged by Americans, from patriotic to pop, Broadway to folk and from traditional to tongue-and-cheek.

The chorus also has announced winners of its 1991 scholarships: \$800 to senior Bruce Kiesling, Brigh-

ton High School; \$400 to junior Lissa Goldberg, Berkley High School; and the William Grimmer Memorial scholarship of \$400 to sophomore Kelly Boczek, Berkley High School. The scholarships were established to assist students in pursuit of studies of individual voice or the study of voice for the purpose of organized recreational or community singing.

For information about the 1992 scholarship program, ask a chorus member or write to The Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170.

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## clubs in action

### ● MOMS TO MEET

M.O.M. (Meet Other Mothers) will meet 7:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, April 26, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 761 Church. The meeting will feature a discussion on traveling with children. M.O.M. is a support group for mothers. Low-cost child care is provided during meetings. For more information, call 459-7465 or 453-6134.

### ● SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

The Single Professionals, a group for singles age 25 and older, will have a dance 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 26, at the Clarion Hotel, on 12 Mile west of Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. Price is \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members. The group will meet 1 p.m. Sunday, April 28, for a tennis party at the Farmington Tennis Club, 22777 Farmington Road, north of Nine Mile. For more information, call 478-9181.

### ● WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will have a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Roma's of Garden City, on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). Snacks and a budget bar will be featured. For more information, call 562-3160.

### ● GARAGE SALE

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club will hold its annual garage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Proceeds will be used to support local charitable projects, including Special Olympics, youth activities, senior citizen activities and others. Donations are needed, including: clothes; books and magazines; dishes; glassware; figurines; novelty items; lamps; furniture; sporting goods; tools; auto equipment; toys; and small appliances (operable). Large appliances, such as refrigerators and stoves, can't be accepted.

To arrange for pick-up of donated items, call 464-1129, 455-0004 or 459-0234.

### ● SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Wayne County Special Olympics games will be Saturday, April 27, and Friday, May 3, at Livonia Franklin High School, 31900 Joy, between Merriman and Middlebelt. Each day will include an 8:45 a.m. parade of athletes and 9 a.m. opening ceremonies. Events will continue through mid-afternoon, and will include gymnastics, walking, weightlifting, track and field, and swimming. Special Olympics programs are for mentally impaired athletes age 8 and older. For more information, call 397-5515.

### ● POLISH DANCERS

The Polish Centennial Dancers will present their annual "Polish Extravaganza" 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy. Dances from different regions in Poland, American polkas and a "Roaring '20s Revue" will be featured. Students, preschool through adult, will perform to live music by "Pan" Franek and the Muskegon Polka Towners.

There will be a reception featuring dancing to live music after both performances. Donation is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. For ticket information, call 453-7161 or 427-2636.

### ● SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles/Westside will have a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). Snacks and a budget bar will be featured. Admission price is \$4 for men, \$2 for women. For more information, call 277-4242.

### ● SINGLE PLACE

Single Place will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main. The program will be presented by Bill Greenman, a minister and counselor. Donation is \$3. For more information, call 349-0911.

### ● WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday Night Singles will have a dance/party 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Admission price is \$1. For more information, call 277-4242.

### ● NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will have a spring luncheon Thursday, May 2, at the Radisson Hotel of Plymouth. Hospitality time will be 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon. The meeting will include installation of 1991-92 board members. Price is \$10.50, with a choice of club croissant or cheese quiche and dessert, coffee or tea. Reservation deadline is noon Monday, April 29. The club is for new residents of Plymouth or Plymouth Township. For reservations, call 459-8046 or 459-7943.

### ● WESTSIDE II

Westside Singles II will have a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, May 3, at Roma's of Garden City, on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). Snacks and a budget bar will be featured. For more information, call 562-3170.

### ● YARD SALE

The Plymouth Historical Museum will have its annual yard sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 4, in the museum basement, 155 S. Main, at Church in downtown Plymouth. Items will include: furniture, collectibles, glassware, kitchen utensils, tools, lamps, table linens, dishes, toys and games and sporting goods. For more information on the fund-raising project, call 455-8940.

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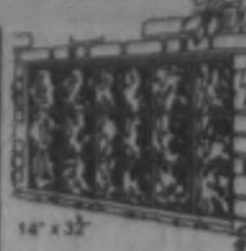
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# Engler picks 2 area residents for adoption panel

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

Two area residents are among a dozen Michiganders on a panel working to knock down barriers to adopting children.

They are Don Marengere, president of Adoption Option, and Oakland Probate Judge Joan E. Young.

"We began by looking at the problems of adopting hard-to-place children," Marengere said after Tuesday's first meeting. The Bloomfield Township resident is a sales repre-

sentative for a Livonia medical supplies firm.

"Hard to place children are those other than healthy infants. They may be older, handicapped or those with a lot of emotional baggage," he explained.

APPOINTED by Gov. John Engler, the panel is headed by Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld.

Binsfeld's panel held its first meeting Tuesday behind closed doors in a Senate caucus room. As an executive office agency, it is not sub-

ject to the Open Meetings Act.

The appointment was so sudden that Young, whose probate court handles adoptions, was unsure prior to the meeting what the committee would be asked to do.

Engler asked the group to study barriers to adoption, greater use of adoption, "private" and interstate adoptions, and ways to promote and facilitate adoption.

Michigan records about 4,000 adoptions per year, Marengere. About half are "related" adoptions — for example, where a husband

adopts his wife's child by a previous marriage. Half are between unrelated people.

MARENGERE, whose group promotes adoption, said other issues are likely to be:

- How can the state reduce the time a child spends in foster care?

- What can be done to increase the use of adoption for unwed teen mothers? A generation ago, half or more of unwed mothers placed their children for adoption. Today only 3.5 percent of teen mothers place their

children. Fewer than 1 percent of mothers 20 or older place their children.

- Can adoption become an alternative to abortion for the two in five women in Detroit who terminate their pregnancies each year?

Marengere said the panel plans to meet every second week for about a year. "There's a wealth of experience," he said, pointing to Verlie Ruffin of the Michigan Federation for Private Child and Family Agencies and Robert Ennis of the Ennis Center for Children. "We have adop-

tive parents and a birth parent."

Marengere is supporting three House-passed bills sponsored by Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, that would require health insurers to cover adopted children the day they enter their new homes. Currently many insurers require a one-year waiting period before coverage will begin.

UNDERLYING the panel's concern is the high governmental cost of social services for unwed mothers.

## Scholarship fund will get \$200,000

Receipts are still being counted, but Madonna University officials said more than \$200,000 was raised from Saturday's annual Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction.

A drawing for a white, fully equipped 1991 Sedan de Ville Cadillac raised \$95,000. The car was donated by Don Massey Cadillac, Plymouth. It was won by Frank Couzens Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"This was our biggest and best auction yet," said auction coordinator Betty Jean Awrey of Awrey Bakeries, Livonia. "We're learning all the time."

At the auction, one bidder acquired prime acreage in Michigan's north woods for \$4,200, then celebrated by acquiring a \$1,300 "night on the town" entertainment package and a \$1,000 trip to watch the colors change in northern Michigan.

Air trips to London, Grand Cayman, New Orleans, Orlando and Honolulu brought in an estimated \$2,000 each.

Douglas Kapp of Northwest Blueprint, Livonia, will have a campus street renamed for himself for the coming year, bidding \$1,050 for the honor.

Denny McLain, Detroit radio personality and former Detroit Tigers pitching star, served as master of ceremonies.

## SC to honor special alum

Garden City resident Geraldine Kiessel has been named Schoolcraft College's Distinguished Alumni for 1991. She will be honored during college graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 4.

Kiessel, principal of Garden City High School, was a member of the college's first graduating class in 1966. She is a 23-year Garden City Schools employee.

In addition to her school duties, Kiessel has served as president of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and Garden City Public Schools Administrators' Association.

She has been chairwoman of the State Board of Education Commission on the "Future of Teaching in Michigan" and has served on accreditation teams that visit other school districts.

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## The big fix GOP bosses decide elections

**T**HE CIGAR SMOKE is still in the air in the wake of the political changes in the Canton-Plymouth area. But Canton may hold the only hope for clearing the air.

The changes so far represent political fixing at its best or worst, depending on your point of view. But while we can shake our collective angry fist at the Republican political bosses in the Canton-Plymouth area, we have nobody to blame but ourselves.

The Plymouth-Canton area has a one-party system, the Republicans. They control things. So when there's a political pie to divide, they're doing the cutting. But we handed them the knife by not keeping the two party system alive and by letting a select few run the Republican Party.

Here's how the pie was cut:

- Susan Heintz resigned her county commission seat to take a post with Gov. John Engler. Heintz, a Republican from Northville, represented a district that includes Plymouth, Northville and Livonia.

- Maurice Breen, longtime Plymouth Township supervisor, was appointed to take Heintz's place on the county commission until an election can be held.

- State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, was appointed to serve out the term of Maurice Breen.

**ALL THREE MOVES** took place in less than a week, which to us shows the arrogance of the Republican political bosses in the Plymouth-Canton area. It was a signed, sealed and delivered political script. The deal effectively kept any member of the public at bay, away from the political process.

It's bad for both the public and the politicians. It tarnishes the images of people like Breen and Law, both of whom we feel are capable of the jobs to which they have been appointed.

Both will eventually face election to their respective political jobs. But as we all know, incumbency rules in most races. And if you're not on the inside track, chances are you'll never end up in politics.

*The changes so far represent political fixing at its best or worst, depending on your point of view.*

However, there was one base the political bosses couldn't cover: state representative. State law requires that Engler call a primary election within 40 to 45 days after the resignation of a state representative.

While the Boss Hogs of Plymouth, Northville and Canton couldn't appoint a state representative, they have a hand-picked candidate, Georgina Goss, Northville Township supervisor.

We think the whole deal stinks of back-room politicking. The political bosses are thumbing their noses at the public.

**WE CAN** point out the arrogance and cynicism of the political bosses, but we also can point to the voting public as willing victims in the scam. Voter turnout is usually scant on special local elections, and incumbency wasn't made a sacred cow only by the political bosses. The voters are also to blame for going along with it.

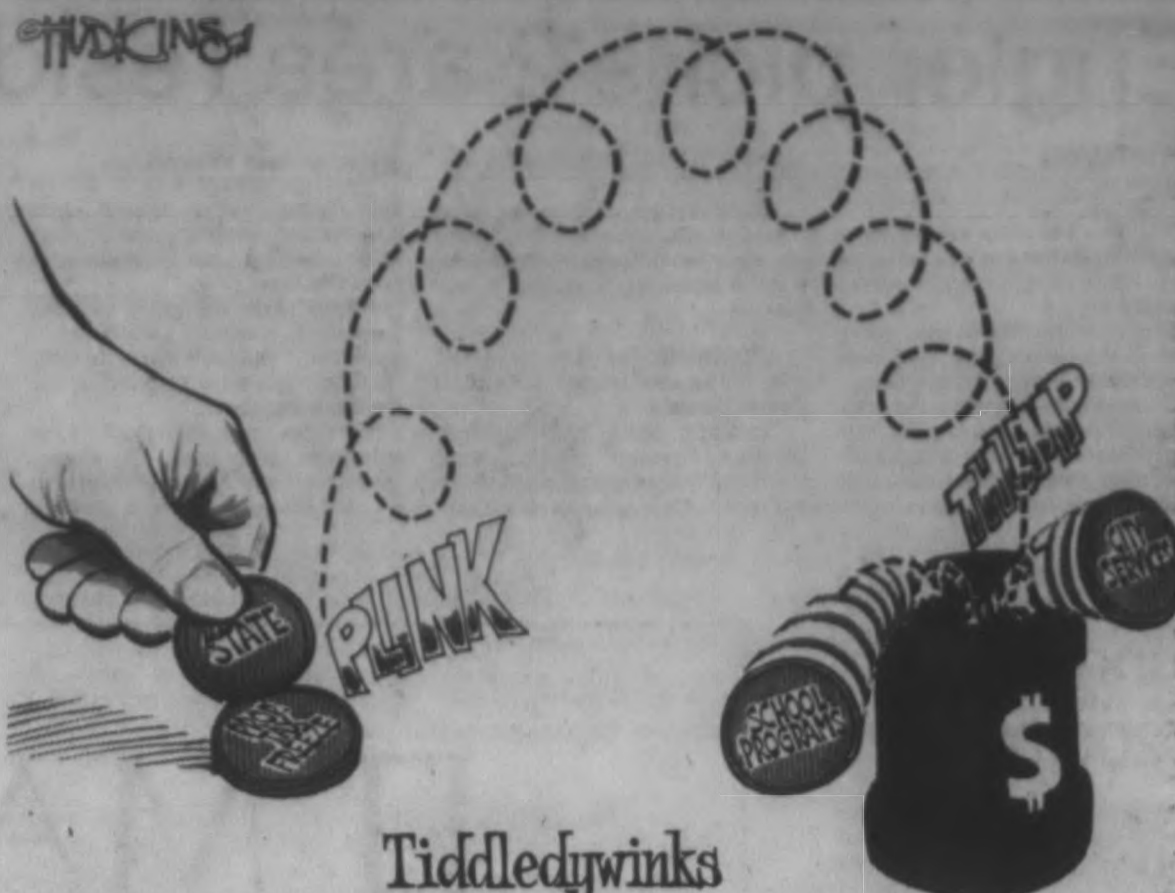
And while it has been business as usual for the Republican Club of Plymouth, there's a wild card in all this. It's Canton. Much of Laws' district lies south of Joy Road in Canton Township.

And from the way the candidates for Laws' seat stack up, Canton just may be the key to the race. We suspect that Goss will get her Northville Township votes, and that Jerry Vorva, a city of Plymouth council member, and John Stewart, a Plymouth Township trustee, will sew up the votes in Plymouth.

So, unless a Canton candidate emerges, the one of the above candidates who wins in Canton will probably emerge the victor.

The state representative race will be an interesting one to watch. Not only is it the only race, thanks to the political bosses, but it will show how much political clout there is in Canton.

We hope it's a good, tough race. The voters deserve to win one out of three.



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## President's ideas put to a test in Michigan

**"THEY'RE NOT** new ideas. A lot of them are restatements of what a lot of people have been saying about education for a long time . . . But he's telling a whole country that education is important."

So thinks Michigan U.S. Rep. William D. Ford about President Bush's big set of proposals to improve American schools. Ford's views should count. He chairs the House Education and Labor Committee, which must approve these proposals for them to become law.

Most people who know something about the field generally agree.

I'm pleased, for example, the president has endorsed a set of ideas put forth by the Commission on Skills in the American Workforce on which I still serve. Our report urged a set of national assessments for basic skills and national skills centers to train workers for on-the-job careers — both ideas endorsed by the president.

**ODDLY, MANY** ideas put forward by the president already are being tried here in Michigan.

Testing, for example, is being done. The Michigan Education Assessment Program is used to test reading and math in elementary, middle and high schools throughout Michigan. Most people, however, think the standardized, computer-scored method used for MEAP could stand improvement.

Public Act 25 of 1990 requires Michigan schools to develop new



Philip Power

model curriculums and requires that kids pass competency tests before they graduate. Sadly, this bold innovation bogged down once the educational bureaucracy in Lansing began to issue mind-numbing regulations about what kids were really expected to learn. Not much, I'm sorry to say.

And the idea of getting businesses to help build new schools is already going forward. In this area, the Model High School in Bloomfield Hills was created with the help of \$750,000 from RJR Nabisco, and the Ford Academy of Manufacturing Sciences in Novi High School was started with \$1 million from Ford. So far, it's too early to know how these promising experiments will turn out.

**TWO IDEAS** advocated by the president were developed in Michigan during Gov. James Blanchard's administration. They are being strangled by the "not invented here" mentality of Gov. John Engler's administration.

I had something to do with the Task Force on Employability Skills. In the mid-1980s I wondered aloud at a meeting on educational reform if it

might be a good idea to find out what basic skills Michigan employers actually wanted from new hires. That led to a full committee, headed by Owen Bieber of the UAW and Peter Pestillo of Ford. It beavered away for several years.

The commission's sensible report disappeared into the bowels of the Department of Education. "Just working out the details of how to test for these skills," they said.

Nothing has been heard from it in three years. I'm not holding my breath.

**THE OTHER** Michigan initiative has local developer A. Alfred Taubman's name all over it. He offered megabucks to create the Michigan Partnership for New Education, a joint effort by business, schools of education and the state to try to improve teacher training.

The partnership hired a bunch of smart people and started out bravely trying to figure out how to start a process of teacher upgrading that would not take 30 or 40 years to result in improved schools.

Last word I got is that it, too, is "under review."

Engler will release his own detailed plans for education in about a month. He says they are likely to follow the president's proposals. I hope so.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

## Who's at fault? Lawsuits are business trend

**ARE BUSINESSES** responsible for what happens on their premises? The Michigan Court of Appeals has decided they are, and that could lead to a disturbing trend in which lawsuits are filed simply for the sake of financial reward. Take the following examples.

**Situation:** A teenager and three companions are playing alongside railroad tracks in northeast Detroit. As a freight train passes, a shot rings out, striking and crippling one of the youths. Who fired the gun or even where the shooter was remains unknown.

**Situation:** A Grand Rapids-area woman rents a truck in Detroit to haul some furniture she purchased at a garage sale. The truck rental firm is at a motel in a high-crime area. The woman is abducted, robbed and raped in the motel parking lot.

In a pair of decisions that could have long-reaching effects both on small businesses and the business climate and economic stability of older communities in western Wayne and Oakland Counties, the appeals court reversed earlier rulings and awarded damages to the plaintiffs in each case.

Both are likely headed to the Michigan Supreme Court for further review.

**TAKEN SEPARATELY,** the rulings represent the first instances in which the appellate court has countered a 1988 state Supreme Court ruling holding that businesses aren't responsible for criminal actions of third parties on their premises unless they have been truly negligent. Together, they indicate a disturbing trend in our increasingly litigious society: File suit against a faceless corporation, pursue it long enough and you'll be rewarded financially.

We can certainly empathize with the victims in

*Lawyers need to learn — when it's justified — how to 'just say no.'*

these cases. Both went through terrible experiences with lasting physical and emotional scars. The acts were criminal and punishment for the perpetrators should be handled accordingly.

We do not advocate infringing on anyone's personal right to take legal action to remedy a situation in which they have been wronged.

But to place blame on the companies involved is wrong.

Yes, local businesses should take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of their customers. We would hardly argue against the business owner's responsibility to maintain the premises and offer an immediate environment that is secure.

But those measures respond to the negligence standards outlined by the Supreme Court. The appeals court, however, is putting a lower standard in place, assigning responsibility to those who fail to mitigate what the court defines as "a public nuisance."

**HOLDING COMPANIES** legally and financially accountable for situations in which they have no control strikes us as unreasonable and impractical. The cost for the small businesses that dominate our towns would be prohibitive.

In addition, the consequences if this trend continues could be devastating to retention and renewal efforts in our older communities.

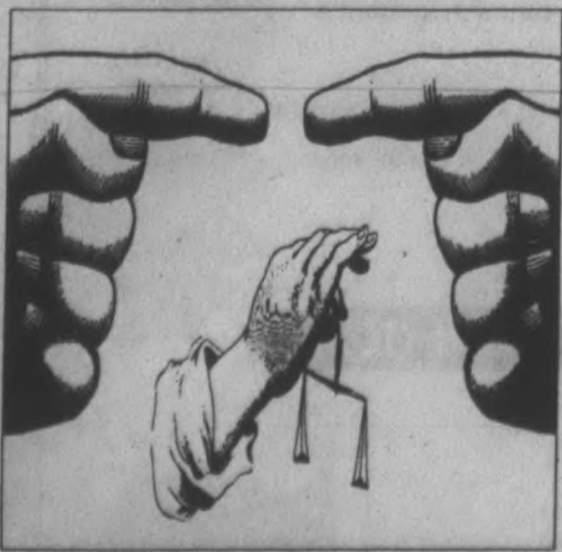
How long will businesses be able to hang on in some of our older suburbs? Will small merchants in Garden City, Redford or Southfield tough it out in the face of a long string of such damage awards? We doubt it.

The answer lies in self-restraint on the part of juries, courts, lawyers and justices.

Jurors must learn to truly separate the law from the all-too-human desire to see large corporations brought to their knees.

Michigan judges, both appointed and elected, have a responsibility to the community at large as well as the litigants who appear before them. Because their decisions have wide-ranging consequences on that community, any departure from precedent should be weighed with extreme care, something that seems lacking in the two appeals court decisions.

Meanwhile, the state bar association needs to mean while its members the dangers of an already over-burdened system wracked with a truckload of nuisance suits. Lawyers need to learn — when it's justified — how to "just say no" when a potential client walks in the door.



### from our readers

#### Cars cause accidents not trees

To the editor:  
I was absolutely appalled to read the editorial opinion, "Dirt roads" April 11, regarding the paving of roads in Canton and Plymouth Townships, and the more I think about the absurdity of the reasons presented the more I am compelled to write.

I concur with your assessment that many of the residents in this area, myself included, will object to the paving of Napier, Warren and Joy roads. I do not concur with your projected reasoning: that residents will resist because they will "want to retain their rural atmosphere."

It is simply preposterous to believe that paving these roads would have prevented the accident that occurred here recently. You are going to gain nothing, at great expense to the taxpayers. It goes without saying that any driver who would travel too fast on a dirt road would also likely travel too fast on a paved road.

Please do not construe the above as ill-will toward the survivors of the accident. I am not without sympathy for them or the family and friends of the deceased.

Michael Olin,  
Canton

#### Nevada best place for nuclear waste

I firmly believe that old age is the only acceptable reason for loss of life. But I simply cannot blame these senseless and tragic deaths on unpaved roads when the real killer was a motor vehicle traveling out of control. Why are we so prone to attacking the symptoms of problems rather than the underlying causes?

I watched with utter amazement as the crews moved in to cut down the tree which was hit by the wayward car. The prevailing logic which dictated removal of the tree would also have mandated the destruction of the Middlebelt/I-94 overpass because a jet aircraft went out of control and struck it.

I cannot believe that a reasonable and prudent person would really think the tree was at fault here since it wasn't the stationary tree that killed the passengers in that car, the death blow was dealt by the moving vehicle.

Now that the tree is no longer standing, is there anyone who can categorically state that the victims would have survived by hitting another tree instead? I submit once again that we are attacking the symptom of a problem and not the cause.

We sure taught that mean old tree a lesson, didn't we?

To the editor:  
The issue of where to dispose nuclear waste has been around almost as long as nuclear power itself. The radioactive waste must be contained so it cannot leak out. Also, it must be stored away from public, private and even seldom-used property.

Taking all of this into consideration, the best place to dispose of it would be deep below the Nevada desert.

Currently the radioactive waste exceeds 22,500 tons and is growing. The plans for the new project in Nevada would hold up to 63,500 tons of radioactive waste.

The only problem is how the radioactive waste would be brought to Nevada's desert. For the next 28 years trucks would be driving on our highways with the waste material. This might be hazardous if driving conditions, the trucks or the drivers themselves were not safe for radioactive waste transportation.

However, overall the idea of storing radioactive waste in the desert is a good idea.

Aaron Lehardt,  
East Middle School

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# Corbin talks well for the Dems

GARY CORBIN is the Democrats' ordained one for 1994.

The stuff about House Speaker Lew Dodak, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Macomb prosecutor Carl Marlinga challenging Republican Gov. John Engler is just talk. The decision has been made and is being enforced. State party chair Corbin is effectively the nominee.

Last week the Democratic leadership held news conferences around the state to promote their property tax shift plan. Attorney General Frank Kelley was there, but taxes aren't his bag. Secretary of State Richard Austin was there to remind us that he's a certified public accountant, but he begged out early. Speaker Dodak arrived late and had to leave early for legislative machinations.

Corbin did the talking. And if you're a Democrat of the old school, Corbin did it well.

**WHO'S GARY Corbin?**

Days after Gov. Jim Blanchard's defeat, the United Auto Worker brains were on the phone seeking a candidate for state party chair. In-

cumbent Tom Lewand had managed a loser.

Corbin was a deputy director in the state Labor Department, so he knows the job training programs that were the pride of the Blanchard administration. But there's far more.

Corbin had been a UAW member in an Anderson, Ind., auto plant while earning his divinity degrees. He was literally ordained — by the Church of God, not the UAW — in the early 1960s and moved to the Flint area.

The clergy and liberal politicians being made from the same cloth, Corbin was a Genesee County commissioner in 1971-74. That led to two terms in the state Senate, where he developed broad expertise in legislation and rose to assistant majority leader.

He announced for governor in 1982 but played the good soldier and dropped out when the UAW ordained then-Congressman Blanchard.

**THE UAW HAS** been known to ordain candidates. Early in 1975 it tapped a freshman senator named Bill Fitzgerald as the 1978 choice. Obedient Democratic senators



**Tim Richard**

promptly made Fitzgerald majority leader.

At Democratic state conventions, labor caucus leader Frank Garrison boasts openly that labor provides more than half the delegates and can call the shots. Usually it does.

McNamara is "a little disgusted" with the party and the UAW, according to a news account last week. He said he doesn't need UAW help if he seeks higher office.

His is a minority view. It's possible to get someplace in the Democratic Party without UAW support, but unlikely.

**SO WHEN** the UAW tapped Corbin last winter for state chair, it was a done deal. Not that anyone objected. Corbin has good looks and a lovely family. He's a popular speaker —

not a stem-winding pulpit preacher but the modern, reasoning liberal who appeals to Democratic academics and the middle class. He's nice. He's smart.

Why Corbin, a man with no party credentials, for party chair? Presenting party doctrine, he'll have a post of great visibility, which Marlinga won't have. Corbin won't develop a voting record that can be used against him, as Dodak's will. He has no terriers nipping at his heels, as McNamara does in county politics.

All that can hold him back is his own liberalism.

Last week, Corbin was selling the old Reuther-era sock-it-to-the-rich line: property tax exemptions for small homeowners paid for by ending exemptions for business. He refused to call it a \$900 million tax increase for business, but that's what it was.

What the UAW wants is what Democrats get.

*Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional news.*

# Bill cuts back on support for local millages



**Doc Doyle**

**QUESTION:** We voted in a \$3 million millage package for "educational excellence" two years ago. The state took the money away through its recapture bill or what is called the Robin Hood Act and gave it to poorer districts. Now our district wants another millage to get the money back.

How long does our school district think we're going to vote in money if the state keeps taking it away each time we vote it in and giving it to some other district? What are some of its long range implications?

**ANSWER:** Depends on who you talk to. Some districts have lost more than \$3 million last year and will lose another \$3 million this year through the recapture bill.

Many in affected districts say this state financial plan which former Gov. James Blanchard promoted is not to improve education but to turn quality school programs into mediocre programs. They say, "Let's bring the poorer programs up instead of pulling us down."

The Robin Hood bill cuts back severely on what is called categorical aid for the "out-of-formula" districts (relatively wealthier districts than poorer or "in-formula districts").

**YOU ASK,** "What are some of the long range implications?" If the state continues to decrease its support of categoricals, such as Social Security, transportation and special education, and backs off on supporting teacher retirement for wealthier districts, this is what I envision:

- Taxpayers in the wealthier districts will be hard pressed to continue supporting local millages. The reason or rationalization will be, "Why should I vote in a tax increase when the state continually decreases its support of our district and gives money to some other school districts?"

- Some of the wealthier districts could spend more than they take in even after major program reductions are made.

- Unions, in the wealthier districts, will find little, if any, support for teacher strikes. Taxpayers will

get fed up with supporting other districts.

- New legislation will gradually and then greatly have an impact on teacher negotiations. Right now a bill mandating that school districts must bid out their health coverage is on the agenda.

- I'm told the cost of MESSA insurance can be 10 to 15 percent higher than competitors. On a \$40 million budget, this is \$600,000 more than can be saved through competitive bidding.

- The new insurance bill, if passed, says you will bid competitively for health insurance or lose state aid.

**OTHER EFFECTS** the more financially solvent districts will eventually feel are obvious as in poorer districts.

- Class size could increase drastically. Paraprofessionals and teacher aids will be cut back.

- Special education class size will increase through legislative action. Art, music and physical education (the usual whipping boys) will be reduced at the elementary level.

- Pupil transportation could be cut back. Enrichment programs, such as for the gifted and talented, will be affected; athletics could be substantially cut back or eliminated.

- Teachers could be reassigned and some will be teaching in their minor areas. Early retirement packages will become more popular, even in those districts that philosophically oppose this concept.

- The bottom line is, regardless of what fantasy teachers and administrators in wealthier districts hold, Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, advertising agencies, Wall Street and thousands of other entities are drastically reducing their expenditures.

# Fetus police may ignore mothers

I'M GLAD SHE'S not pregnant. My wife, I mean.

If she were, I'd have to turn her in. You see, she's a yogurt abuser. At least I have reasonable cause to believe she is, so I'd have no choice but to report her to the state.

I realized that last week after reading a bill that has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature. It's one of those so-called "fetal protection" measures that keep cropping up lately.

Introduced by Bill Bobier, a freshman GOP representative from Hesperia, House Bill 4513 states (and I quote, with emphasis added):

"If a physician or other health professional is providing prenatal or pregnancy related health care or other medical care to a pregnant woman and if the woman has obstetrical complications that are a medical indication that the woman is engaging in substance abuse or the physician or other health professional otherwise has reasonable cause



**Jack Gladden**

to believe that the woman is engaging in substance abuse, the physician or other health professional shall immediately report to the department (of Public Health), on a form provided by the department, all of the following information: . . ."

**THE INFORMATION** includes the name and address of the doctor making the report, the name and (if available) address and telephone number of the patient and the reason for the report.

There are similar pieces of legislation around the country whose tar-

gets are pregnant women.

None of them show any concern for the women involved. They are aimed solely at protecting "the unborn child" inside the womb — and the assumption is that women are not capable of handling that themselves, so the state is going to do it for them.

**BUT BACK TO** the yogurt abuser. She went to a dermatologist a few weeks ago — a person she had not seen before. When the doctor walked into the examination room, she sniffed, frowned and asked, "Have you been drinking?" It was the middle of the afternoon on a workday and she hadn't. She said so.

If the "abuser" had been pregnant, and if the Bobier bill had been law, she could have ended up a statistic in the Department of Public Health records — ordered to receive substance abuse counseling.

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# Schoolcraft board to decide tuition increase

## Tax freeze may mean more hikes — officials

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

A \$2 tuition increase is being proposed for most Schoolcraft College students, but students may face an even bigger increase next year.

The proposed increase roughly reflects the current rate of inflation, said Adelard Raby, college vice president for business services.

"It's been rounded off to the near-

est dollar," he said.

Next year, tuition might rise above the inflation rate, Raby said, due to the property tax assessment freeze recently approved by the state Legislature.

Property tax assessments for 1992 will be frozen at current levels, with voters to decide in November 1992 whether to adopt additional property tax limits.

While that is good news for home-

owners, college officials said the freeze could cost Schoolcraft \$400,000 to \$700,000 in new tax revenue. Schoolcraft and other community colleges wouldn't be reimbursed by the state for lost revenue.

"The good news is that gave us a reprieve for this year," Raby said.

THE PROPOSED \$2 increase would be applied to students living within the Schoolcraft service dis-

trict. The district includes the Livonia, Clarenceville, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City and Northville public schools, as well as a portion of the Novi Schools.

The increase would raise tuition to \$37 per credit hour for the 1991-92 school year.

Out-of-district students would face a \$3 increase, raising tuition to \$50 per credit hour.

College trustees received the ad-

ministration's request for tuition increases at Wednesday's board meeting. Approval is pending.

Despite the increase, college officials said Schoolcraft classes would remain competitively priced when compared with other area community colleges.

Schoolcraft tuition is currently \$35 for in-district students and \$53 for out-of-district students. Figures

for other area community colleges are:

• Wayne County Community College — \$35 in-district, \$65 out-of-district.

• Oakland County Community College — \$37 in-district, \$61 out-of-district.

• Henry Ford Community College — \$41 in-district, \$59 out-of-district.

## Developers would get tax breaks

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Bo Schembechler made it clear Monday the Detroit Tigers seek a municipally built stadium.

But the Tigers wouldn't be the only ones receiving public help if stadium plans become a reality.

Developers of proposed ethnic villages and shops around the new ballpark would receive large-scale tax breaks under plans proposed by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

Schembechler, president of the Detroit baseball team, gave county and city officials until Aug. 1 to put forth a stadium package.

McNamara said plans would be ready to go long before the Tigers-imposed deadline.

"WE CAN be ready by June 1 if he wants," McNamara said. "We have our package ready."

That package includes creation of an enterprise zone around the as-yet undisclosed stadium site.

While McNamara and Gov. John Engler have discussed the concept, no commitments have yet been made.

It would be the second enterprise zone in the state. One has already been enacted in economically ravaged Benton Harbor.

Using that as a guideline, developers could see a two-thirds cut in property taxes, plus complete exemption from other taxes over the estimated 10-year life of the enterprise zone.

Enterprise zones are "a benefit/incentive package paid for by state and local tax abatements", said economic development specialist John Iverson of the state Department of Commerce.

In Benton Harbor, he said, developers received a 65 percent cut in property taxes, plus 100 percent exemption from the state single business tax and sales and use tax.

Those figures, he added, wouldn't necessarily be the same for a Detroit enterprise zone.

"I'm not sure if the program as it exists now will be transposed entirely to any Detroit situation," Iverson said. "There may be some refinement."

ENTERPRISE ZONES were created by the state in 1985. They are governed by a seven-member body, with two members appointed by the governor and five others appointed locally.

Businesses rejected for enterprise zone benefits at the local level can appeal to a state governing board, Iverson said.

Though an enterprise zone would require state approval, Iverson said the Detroit project could be enacted locally under slightly different guidelines.

"Though they've been calling it an enterprise zone, they could also do it as a development zone," he said. "Because it would be Detroit-specific, it wouldn't need state approval."

McNamara has said no additional legislation was necessary to complete the project.

A number of area business leaders and developers, including millionaire businessman Alfred Taubman and Plymouth developer Robert DeMattia, have discussed the enterprise zone with McNamara, though what role each would play in developing land around the stadium isn't known.

Members of the Tiger Stadium Fan Club — boosting their own plans to save the existing stadium — have criticized the county executive's plan as too grandiose and costly.

"We're looking at a financially strapped city and state and here we're talking about making (millionaire Tiger owner) Tom Monaghan our biggest welfare recipient," said fan club founder Frank Rashid of Detroit.

McNamara, however, said the stadium and surrounding facilities would spur economic growth throughout the city.

"If the Tigers left, it would be devastating," he said.

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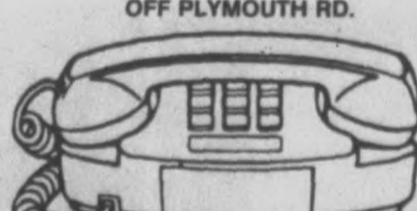
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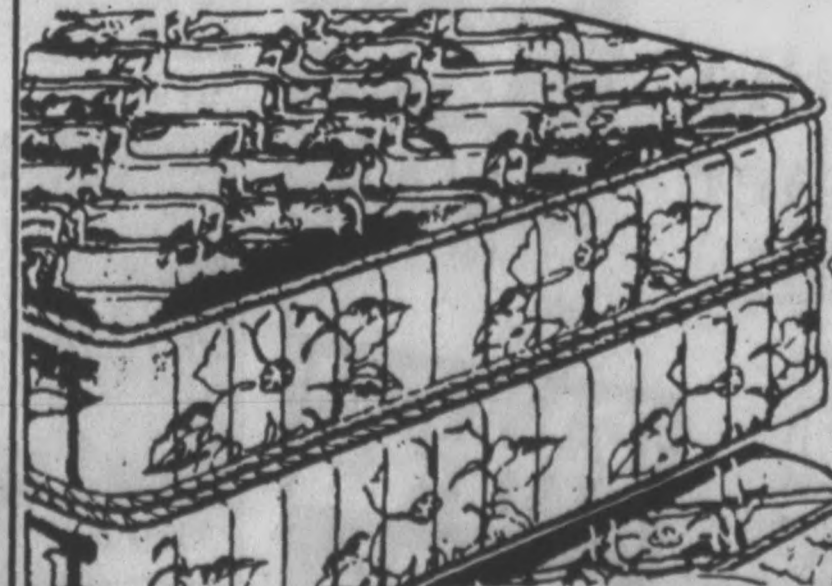
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Scott Jones of Canton rallied to win the No. 3 singles match Monday and contribute a point to his team's 5-2 defeat of Plymouth Salem on the tennis courts.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## Salem boys relay way to Elks crown

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

### boys track

Plymouth Salem ran more relays than just those on the track and field at Dearborn High School Saturday.

The entire meet was a continuous relay, the Rocks going from the athletic arena and the sting of a cold rain to the parking lot and the safety of the team bus.

But the Salem boys managed to weather the elements and the competition to win the championship of the annual Elks Relays.

"One group would run and the next one would come running from the bus, warm up and do their thing," Salem coach Gary Balconi said. "I don't think I've been through six consecutive hours of such bad weather."

"I'm sure there have been colder days, and I'm sure there have been wetter days. But I don't recall many when it was as wet and cold for six hours."

"I THINK a lot of courage was shown by all the athletes that day but especially our kids," he added. "They kept coming back. They were physically and mentally tough to perform as well as they did."

The event started as a 12-team meet, but the field was cut in half when six teams decided to cut and run following the field events and a meeting of the coaches to discuss the weather situation.

But the smaller field didn't lessen the quality of the victory, according to Balconi. Westland John Glenn, the champion last year, and host Dearborn, the runner-up a year ago, were there for the duration, he said, adding Salem was in front after the field events anyway.

"I told the kids 'You're the champions of the ones that stayed, and that's all that really matters,'" Balconi said.

"If all the teams had stayed, it would have changed some of the finishes in some of the races, but that's not to say we wouldn't still have won it."

Salem accumulated 60 points and edged Dearborn by two. Glenn was third (39) followed by Temperance Bedford (30), Plymouth Canton (18), Detroit Osborn (16), Novi (10), Hazel Park and UD-Jesuit (8), Redford Catholic Central (3), Livonia Franklin and Wyandotte (0).

"AS FAR as we're concerned, it was a six-team meet," Balconi said. "You can take teams from all over the state and say 'What if they were there?'"

The Rocks scored in every event, winning three running relays, and did no worse than fourth.

Salem's first-place finishes were achieved by Steve Boudreau, John Thomas, Derek Cudini and Mike Patterson in the 6,400-meter relay (19:40); Joe Pawluszka, Andy Rojeski, Andy Hellmers and Boudreau in the distance medley (11:46.2); and Joe Nunez, Jake Baker, Mike Richard and Rojeski in the 800 relay (1:37.4).

Salem second-place relays included Rob Casler, Steve Balog and Brian Schumacher in the discus (337); Leon Hister, Jim Ramsay and Don Johnson in the long jump (53-11); K.C. Kirkpatrick, Cliff Lee and

Todd Forbes in the high jump (17-3); Casler, Balog, Brian and Jeff Schumacher in the shot put (15-6).

• The Rocks had one third-place finish. Thomas, Cudini, Jason McDonald and Patterson combined to run the 3,200 relay in 9:01.5.

• Salem fourth-place relays were Ramsay, Johnson, Jamie Miller and Brian Bouchane in the high hurdles (1:16.4); McDonald, Pawluszka, Miller and Nunez in the 1,600 relay (3:55.4); and Casler, Balog and Brian and Jeff Schumacher in the shot put's 400 relay (55.6).

CANTON ALSO stayed to the end and placed in nine events. The Chiefs didn't win any relays, but they had the top high jumper in Mike DeJarnett, who had the best jump of the day at 6-1.

The Chiefs were second in the 3,200 relay with Dave Washenko, Chris Nelson, Craig Miller and Mike Ream running 8:55.6. Other Canton relays that scored:

• Third place — Damon Collier, Micha Kollie, Karl Wukie and Josh Walaskay in the 400 (47.9); and Don Green, Eric Burgess, Brett Kearney and Paul Wisniewski in the 1,600 (3:50.7).

• Fourth place — Wukie, Neil Hunter and Collier in the long jump (51-2); and Ream, Jeff Keith, Dave Yack and Jim Carnes in the 6,400 (21:04).

• Fifth place — Tim Washenko, Marques Nelson, Kearney and Green in the shuttle hurdle (1:36.8); Dan Greenshields, Burgess, Phil Greenshields and Shawn McNamara in the distance medley (12:39.8); and Dean Benedict, Mike Teller, Tom Raven and Wayne Robinson in the shot put's 400 (57.2).

## Canton dumps Rocks in early-season clash

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

Both coaches admitted to being a little surprised at Plymouth Canton's 5-2 victory over rival Plymouth Salem in boys tennis Monday.

"I thought the score would be 4-3, and you could take your pick on who won it," Canton coach Jim Hayes said.

At first glance, it seems like an easy win for the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champs over a team Hayes expects to be the main the competition for the Chiefs.

And, though the season is less than two weeks old, it was an impressive victory and source of encouragement for a team looking to win the WLAA for a fourth straight year.

"I'll say maybe," Hayes said, "but you have to throw in (Livonia) Stevenson and Northville. Stevenson beat Northville 4-3, and Northville has nine kids back."

"WE'LL KNOW a week from Friday (after the Chiefs play both teams). We're 3-1, not 10-1. We still have to prove it on the day of the conference meet."

Two matches went to a third set and Canton won both. Scott Jones rallied to defeat Prakash Chinnaiyan (4-6, 6-4, 6-0) at No. 3 singles, and the No. 1 doubles team of Joe Binder and Adam Majewski had to do the same to beat Mike Mulder and Jeff Rearick (5-7, 6-1, 7-6).

The Chiefs swept the doubles matches, which also surprised both coaches.

Dan Rasario and Stu Levenback defeated Mohit Mistry and Joe Perron 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles, and Mike Donhost and Eric Baden outpointed Javier Angulo and Dave Bell 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles.

"That was a delightful surprise," Hayes said, adding

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Canton defeated a veteran group of Salem players. "But I'm sure the Salem boys will be looking for a chance to avenge any disappointments they had yesterday at the conference meet."

Salem coach Judy Braun said the Rocks continue testing to determine what their doubles combinations should be, adding it's still early in the season. They defeated Farmington Hills Harrison 7-0 in their only previous dual meet.

"EVERYBODY thought our doubles teams would have been a little stronger," she said, "but we haven't had many matches and I don't know if the doubles lineup is complete as yet."

"We always peak a lot later in the season. At this point, it's really early to tell where our real strength is. It will take us a few matches to figure it out."

"I think the potential is there. We just have look deep down inside and see where it is."

Canton's Brian Schmidt defeated Fred Staten 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles contest and extended his unbeaten streak to 4-0.

Salem won the other singles matches. Jason Grimm edged Rod Jesena 7-6, 7-5 at No. 2 and K.C. Kirkpatrick defeated Shawn Hart 6-1, 6-3 at No. 4.

Jones at No. 3 singles and the Binder-Majewski and Donhost-Baden doubles teams have 3-1 records. In earlier matches, Canton defeated Grosse Ile 5-2 and Livonia Franklin 7-0, and the Chiefs were beaten by Ann Arbor Huron 5-2.

## Pitchers pace CEP teams

Plymouth Salem extended its unbeaten baseball record to 5-0 while Plymouth Canton achieved an important early-season victory Monday.

The Rocks whipped host North Farmington 13-4, and the Chiefs rallied to defeat Walled Lake Western 8-5.

Canton, 2-0 in the Western Division and 3-2 overall, shared the division title last year with the Warriors, who were runners-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Both victories were the result of fine individual pitching performances.

Salem's Scott Rodgers, who celebrated a birthday with his fourth consecutive win, went six innings, struck out 11 and walked two. The Raiders had five hits and three unearned runs off Rodgers.

"Scott was never in trouble," Salem coach John Gravin said. "With

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rainouts, he's been able to pitch in four of the five games, and he has pitched well for us this year.

"SCOTT NIELSON pitched a good seventh for us and continues to pitch well in the innings we give him."

Scott Kennedy threw a two-bitter for Canton and improved his record to 2-1. He struck out 13 and walked four in seven innings.

The Chiefs rallied behind Kennedy's pitching after making three of their four errors in the first inning and falling behind 4-0.

"We had every reason to tuck in our tails and go home, but we didn't do that," Canton coach Fred Crissey said. "I was pleased with the way we

came back offensively, but once we got past the first inning we picked it up defensively."

"And, of course, Kennedy did what pitchers have to do. They have to keep the ballclub close, and he hung in there when it was tough."

MIKE STAFFORD and Chris James had three hits apiece for Canton, Jason Riggs two. James also knocked in three runs, and Stafford and Riggs had one RBI each.

With the score tied 5-5 entering the seventh inning, Riggs drove in the go-ahead run after Stafford singled and Frank Learned was hit by a pitch. Marc Pennebaker sacrificed the runners ahead, and James followed with a two-run double to make it 8-5.

"That kind of win, with all the elements of playing miserably early, inconsistent umpiring and playing out

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Tracye Livermore of Salem competed in the long jump Saturday in the Lady Chiefs Relays and was on the winning 800 relay team, also.

# Canton runner-up in relays

Brighton outperformed two of the best girls track teams in Observerland to win the Lady Chief Relays Saturday.

Brighton won four events and compiled 91 1/2 points to finish ahead of host Plymouth Canton and Livonia Stevenson, the defending champion in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs had 88 points and the Spartans 53. They were followed by Redford Union (39), Plymouth Salem (35), Livonia Franklin (19), Wayne Memorial (16), Farmington Hills Mercy (12) and Livonia Churchill (6).

Brighton won the long jump relay at 44.4, the shuttle hurdle relay in 1:10, the distance medley and the 400-meter relay in 54.7.

Canton fared well with three first places. Hoema Okwumabua, Alesh Collier and Selma Bastine combined to win the shot put relay with a school record 30-4 1/4.

ERIN OLENECH, Michelle Lee, Karina Kilpelainen and Angela Fountain were champions in the 300 hurdles (3:43), and Kim Gudeth, Christy Saffron, Lana Boroditsch and Amy Smith ran the 2,200 relay in 10:41.7.

"We ran well under the conditions we were dealt," Canton coach George Przygodski said, referring to the poor weather conditions. "It was the kind of day you hope you don't see again for an awful long time."

"We thought we could be among the top teams if we scored in every event, and we were able to score in all but two."

Przygodski specifically cited the hurdles team — the same foursome that won the 300 race was second in the shuttle event — and the members of the shot put relay.

"We've got an awful lot of depth (in the hurdles), and it becomes apparent when we get into a relay meet," he said. "That was good to see on a day when you don't think the hurdlers are going to do well."

The Chiefs also were second in the high jump with Stephanie Gray, Ndu Okwumabua and Almee Lanson (13-4) and the thrower's 400 relay. They were third in the regular 400 in which Collier, Hoema Okwumabua, Kilpelainen and Ndu Okwumabua ran 57.4.

CANTON ALSO had four fourth places: Heather Pastor, Saffron and Monica Pellow in the long jump (39-11); Hoema Okwumabua, Bastine and Dawn Kersten in the discus (238-6); Ndu Okwumabua, Alicia King, Kilpelainen and Michelle Dean in the 800 relay (2:01); and Pellow, Saffron, Boroditsch and Smith in the distance medley (14:49.1).

Stevenson's Teresa Sarno, Debbie Wroblewski and Dena Sackleh captured first place in the discus relay at 279-4, and Salem's Andrea Kinnelly, Dana Driscoll, Tracey Livermore and Alysa Sofios won the 800 relay in 1:59.2.

Mercy's distance team of Heather Noll, Hillary Noll, Sharmila Prasad and Amy Freund won the eight-mile relay, and RU had the fastest time in the 1,600 relay with a 4:33.6 finish.



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Angela Fountain collapses into the arms of Canton teammate Karina Kilpelainen at the end of a successful hurdles relay.

# Murphy makes most of first start

## CEP teams prevail

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there, gives us some light at the end of the tunnel," Crissey said.

"Unless you have a real veteran ballclub, it takes a win like that for the kids to pick themselves up and go.

"Kids tend to get caught up in the score. You just have to play as hard as you can all the time, and the results are usually going to be positive. It was a key win for us."

Salem led 5-0 after 1 1/2 innings against North, which rallied with three unearned runs in the bottom of the second. A four-run fourth boosted the Rocks into a 9-3 advantage, however.

JUNIOR OUTFIELDER Ed Gundry had two hits and three RBI, senior catcher Scott Niemiec two doubles and a sacrifice fly, senior outfielder Kevin Craggs a triple in two hits, junior outfielder Dan Hutchinson two hits and two RBI and senior second baseman Scott Bright two hits and two runs scored.

"We continue to hit the ball well," Gravin said. "That's been the mark of this team."

Mark Temple pitched five innings for the Raiders and suffered the loss. He gave up 11 runs and 12 of Salem's 15 hits. He walked one and struck out four.

Plymouth Canton softball pitcher Shannon Murphy made the most of an opportunity Monday.

Murphy made her first career start for the Chiefs and guided them to a 14-4 win over visiting Walled Lake Western.

In doing so, Murphy hurled six innings, struck out seven and walked two. She scattered five hits.

Celeste Gross suffered the loss for the Warriors, lasting just three innings.

Canton scored four runs in the second inning and six in the fourth. The game was halted after six innings because of the mercy rule.

Murphy helped her cause with two hits in three trips. Julie Nicastris also had two hits and two RBI for the Chiefs. Kim Hengy had a two-run single and three RBI.

Jenny Sekovich and Sarah Schimelpenneg had two RBI apiece, Kris Ford, Renee Dory, and Esther

Buzuvis one each. Western's Lisa Cummins was 3-for-3.

The Chiefs improve to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

PLYMOUTH SALEM'S record dropped to 0-2 in the Lakes Division of the WLA and 1-4 overall Monday after a 20-2 loss at North Farmington.

Jennifer Lydon was the winning pitcher. She tossed a three-hitter, struck out seven and walked two. Jenny Garvey suffered the loss for the Rocks, walking 18 and giving up nine hits.

Eileen Lyons had two of Salem's hits, and Heather English had the other.

Dona Botwick, Lydon and Eve Clair had three hits apiece for the winners. Botwick also had five RBI, Clair and Michelle Bohnke three each.

# Canton soccer coach pleased despite loss

Plymouth Canton coach Don Smith was disappointed with the final score but not the way his girls soccer team played Monday night.

Mo Hozian scored the only goal with seven minutes left in the game as visiting Troy Athens edged the Chiefs 1-0 in a contest between state-ranked teams.

"But we played very, very, very well," Smith said. "I don't know how we didn't win. We outheaded, outscrapped and outplayed them."

"I wasn't disappointed with our players. I was just disappointed we didn't get to go home with a victory."

"We're playing well and I'm happy with the way the team has come along. I just hope we can learn how to pick off the good teams again."

Canton outshot the Red Hawks 18-10 and limited Athens to two second-half shots. Jori Welchans made nine saves in goal for the Chiefs, and Kristi McGough recorded her third shutout for the Red Hawks.

Canton slipped to 4-3 overall while Athens improved to 5-0-1.

The Plymouth Salem-Athens game was postponed Saturday because of bad weather and later cancelled since the Red Hawks have no more available playing dates.

THE REMATCH between regional finalists in last year's soccer tournament failed to produce a decision Monday.

Catholic League rivals Farmington Hills Mercy and Birmingham Marian settled for a 3-3 tie at Mercy.

The Marlins, ranked seventh in Class A, remained undefeated with a 6-0-1 record, however.

Mercy, which lost to the Mustangs in the league final last year but defeated them in the regional matchup, failed to hold a 2-1 halftime lead as Marian rallied in the second half.

The Marlins got two first-half goals from senior forward Kathryn Dudley, and junior forward Tania Macioce scored the third goal.

"(Dudley) has played well and with a lot of confidence," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said. "The players are very unselfish up front."

"We showed flashes of brilliance in the second half, but we just weren't consistent. We got too involved in the (emotion of the) game."

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# Kurtis repeats as race champion

By Steve Kowaleki  
staff writer

To no one's surprise, Doug Kurtis won Sunday's 15th Annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon — and the brand new videocassette recorder that goes to the men's champion.

A year ago Kurtis also won the men's race and a new color television set, which ultimately he gave to his mother-in-law. Does that mean the VCR is going to her, too?

"No, I can use a VCR," said Kurtis, a 1970 Livonia Stevenson graduate who now lives in Northville. "My mother-in-law needed a TV last year so I gave it to her."

Kurtis deserved something for himself after finishing the 13.1 mile course in one hour, nine minutes and 17 seconds. Kurtis, who ranks second in the world with 57 marathons in less than 2:20, had to battle 10-15 mile per hour winds, drizzle and 38 degree weather in winning his third-straight West Bloomfield Half-Marathon.

Kurtis' time was good enough to beat out Ann Arbor's Don Demetriades, 30, who finished second in 1:10:06. Rochester resident Laura Murphy, a first-time West Bloomfield Half-Marathoner, took home first place (along with a new VCR) as the women's winner in a time of 1:19:06.

"I don't think too much about it (the weather)," Kurtis said. "There's nothing you can do about it, so you make the most of it."

DESPITE THE less-than-favorable weather, the race attracted 705 runners, with 641 finishing. Although West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation director Joey Spano was hoping to register more than 800 runners, she was glad to see the race go

on as scheduled. Another 236 entered the second-annual Earth Day 3.5-mile walk.

Spano has vivid memories of the 1983 race that was postponed a week because of seven inches of snow.

"I saw the rain and it snowed a little bit yesterday (Saturday) and I got a little nervous," Spano said. "I thought: '1983 revisited.'"

Running under sunny skies and 65 degree weather a year ago, Kurtis withstood a big challenge from 25-year-old Don Johns before pulling away in the last half mile. He didn't feel as threatened this time by Demetriades, but Kurtis said he never really lost sight of his greatest challenger.

"Don hung in there for a couple of miles and when I got away from him he still was 10 to 20 yards behind," said Kurtis, who prefers the longer distances. "This the third time I've run against him this year and I beat him pretty solidly in two 8 Ks (eight kilometer races), so I'm sure he was a little intimidated by me in the half-marathon."

Murphy, who ran track and cross country at Bowling Green State University, finished nearly 3 1/2 minutes ahead of 27-year-old Maggie Lillie-Smith (1:22:30) of Kalamazoo for the women's title. Taking third place for the women was Livonia's Susan Tatigian (1:22:50).

"IT WAS QUITE hilly, although there weren't any real big hills, so that was good," said Murphy, a Buffalo, N.Y. native. "I would have been satisfied with 1:20, if it was good enough to finish in first or sixth place. After the first mile I didn't see anybody in front of me and by the third mile the spectators were telling me I was in first place."

Farmington High School senior Ben Goba (racing in the 18-19 division for the first time) gave a good account of himself as he finished 10th over-

all in the men's division at 1:15:45. Goba said he tried to stay at the same pace set by Farmington Hills resident Terry Elsey, 37, who took seventh overall at 1:12:38.

"This is a long race," Goba said. "I kinda like cold weather but this is a little too cold. I felt the wind the whole way, but I felt pretty good out there. I can see in the future, after college, that this will be my race."

Rochester's 29-year-old Mark Neal won the 18-29 Open Division in 1:10:52, and Saginaw's Steven Short (1:28:52) beat West Bloomfield's Aaron Charfoos (1:35:07) for the Junior Men's title.

Riverview's Paul Deladurantave, 45, won his second straight Masters Men's (40-49) title at 1:17:26, just ahead of Rochester Hill's Bob Gross' time of 1:17:54 and West Bloomfield's Don Balkwell (1:17:55) and William Benton (1:18:17).

THE VETERANS Division (50-59) was won by Holland's Harry Tellman in 1:20:32; Livonia's Jack Hoskins won the Supermen (60-up) Division in 1:40:02; Southfield's Stephen Hoffman won the new Clydesdale's Division (under-40 men who weigh at least 196 pounds) in 1:27:10, and Troy's William Constantine won the Clydesdales (over 40, at least 196 pounds) in 1:30:33.

On the women's side, Troy's Estelle D'Souza, 15, took the Juniors Division (under 15) in 2:02:05. Bloomfield Hills resident June MacDonald won the Masters (40-49) in 1:30:46 and the Submasters was taken by Milan's Cindy Keeler in 1:24:20.

Detroit's Marilyn Morehead won the Veterans Division in 1:56:44, while the only husband and wife team that finished was Rej Cousineau and Wanda Cousineau, of Sault Ste. Marie, who had a combined time of 3:17:36.

## college sports

A pair of Livonia Franklin soon-to-be graduates have made up their minds where to continue their education — and play football, too.

Brian Poisson, from Livonia, and Mike Geiger, of Westland, have signed with Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. Poisson, a 5-foot-8, 175-pound running back, was honorable mention all-Western Lakes Activities Association and was named Franklin's most valuable defensive player.

Geiger, a 6-foot, 160-pound wide receiver, was the Patriots' most valuable offensive player. He was also an all-Western Division selection.

Mike Stahley, a senior at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point from Livonia, was presented with the Mr. Hustle Award at the annual Pointers' hockey banquet.

A wing, Stahley scored 18 goals and assisted on 19 others (37 points) in helping Stevens Point win its third straight NCAA Division III hockey title. Three of his goals came on the power play and three others were scored while the Pointers were short-handed.

Stahley was honorable mention all-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, and he graduates with a school-record 143 games played, including 123 straight. He finished his collegiate career with 52 goals and 56 assists.

Just when things were going so well.

Tim Dowd, a senior outfielder for Central Michigan University's baseball team from Plymouth (Salem HS), suffered a second degree hamstring strain while legging out a triple April 12 against Ball State. Dowd's status for last weekend's games at Ohio University was questionable.

Too bad. Dowd was off to a hot start, batting .396 (sixth in the Mid-American Conference) in 19 games with five doubles, two triples and a home run, and 13 runs batted in. The Chippewas weren't doing so bad either: a 17-10 record entering last weekend's games at OU and a 5-1 MAC mark, good for first place.

Speaking of league leaders, check out Evansville's Art George, an outfielder from Redford (Thurston HS) — again and again and again. George is listed among the Midwest-

ern Collegiate Conference leaders in four categories.

He is hitting .330, which puts him ninth. He has three triples, second best in the MCC, and seven doubles, which is 10th. George's 17 stolen bases (in 20 attempts) averages out to 55 steals a game, third in the conference.

The University of Michigan's golf teams are relying on two Observerland products to stay in the hunt. It's not such a bad decision.

Dean Kobase, a junior from Livonia (Churchill HS), carded rounds of 78-69-71 to finish at 217 and in a tie for fourth place at the Marshall Invitational April 12-13. There were 18 teams at the tournament; U-M placed fifth. Kobase's score was just three shots off the lead.

Erica Zonder, a junior from Farmington Hills (North Farmington HS), fired a two-round score of 163, good for 16th overall and best among the Lady Wolverines at the 16-team Ohio State University Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational April 13-14. Zonder leads U-M with an 80.8 stroke average.

Success was stretched to consecutive tournaments for the Detroit College of Business' golf team last week. A long-time NAIA District 23 power, DCB collected wins in its first two tournaments, and Livonia Franklin HS graduate Steve Przeracki was instrumental.

At the DCB Collegiate Invitational April 12, the host Falcons bested 10 other teams to win with a 314 team score, 11 strokes better than runner-up Oakland University. Przeracki placed second overall with a 77.

Last Monday, DCB played in the 18-team Tiffin University Spring Invitational. Battling strong winds, the Falcons battled to a second win, firing a 333 to outdistance runner-up Malone College (Ohio) by 17 strokes.

Lisa Belsky, a junior at Ball State University from Plymouth (Salem HS), has collected 17 victories in 27 singles matches, competing mostly in the fifth flight. She is 1-2 in Mid-American Conference play.

Playing with three different partners at all three flights, Belsky has compiled a 9-10 doubles record. The Cardinals were 16-8 entering last week's action, but were winless in three MAC meets.

• The first Observerland girls track listings will appear on Thursday, May 2.

Livonia Churchill coach Kelly Graham will compile the listings. She will be available to take updates from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays only, at 728-7502.

• The boys track listings will also appear Thursday, May 2.

Livonia Churchill coach Fred Price will compile the listings. He is available between 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, at 420-3059.

All times must be converted metrically.

Schools eligible to participate in the listings: Plymouth Christian, Canton and Salem; Farmington, North Farmington, Harrison and Mercy; Livonia Clarenceville, Ladywood, Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson; Redford Union, Thurston, Catholic Central and St. Agatha; Walled Lake Central and Western; Garden City; Lutheran Westland, John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.



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## SOCCER CHAMPS

The '79 Canton Hornets soccer team won the Derby City Classic under-12 championship Sunday in Louisville, Ky.

The team consists of Matt Ammons, Ryan Blazny, Adam Borsos, Jason Gibson, Shawn Kearney, Andrew Kisabeth, Brett Konley, Scott Lowe, Tim Parent, Andy Power, Alec Ras and Billy Scherle of Canton; Josh Fair, Tim Makins, Ryan Winkler and Nick Wright of Plymouth. The team is coached by Phil LaJoy.

The Hornets defeated Arsenal United of Louisville in the final 2-1. In earlier games, they outscored Louisville's Bon Air Thunder 5-0, Alliance of Lexington, Ky., 2-1 and the Queen City Gators of Cincinnati 5-2.

## SPORTS PHYSICALS

Pre-participation physicals will be offered to athletes in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on Thursday, June 6, at 6 p.m. in the Salem High School upper commons. The cost is \$12 per student-athlete. Seventy-five percent of the fee will be used to purchase non-expendable sports medicine supplies to improve care throughout the year.

Student-athletes can register by sending cash, check or money order payable to Orthopedic Surgery Associates, P.C., before the deadline of Monday, June 3. Physicals will be given by the Center for Sports Medicine and Fitness. It covers the athlete for every sport, including summer camps, fall, winter and spring seasons.

Questions should be directed to Wendy Crummel or Sharon Bouchard at the Center (434-8334) or Crummel at Canton High School (451-6600, ext. 311) and Bouchard at Salem High School (459-6099) after 2 p.m.

## TIGERS TRIP

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family-oriented trip to see the Detroit Tigers play the Minnesota Twins on Saturday, May 18.

The fee is \$7.50 per person, which includes reserved seat and bus transportation. Space is limited to the first 40 spots, and only Canton residents are eligible. The bus departs at 11:45 a.m. for the 1:15 p.m. game.

People should register in person at the Parks and Recreation Office at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Call 397-5110 for information.

## GOLF DISCOUNT

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is selling golf discount coupons for use at Fellows Creek Golf Course for Canton residents. The book of 10 coupons costs \$1. Each coupon is good for a \$1 discount on a nine-hole round.

The coupon books can be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proof of residency will be required. Call 397-5110 for details.

## BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Concealed Security System will have tryouts for its Connie Mack League baseball team at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Capitol Park in Redford. Boys age 17 and 18 are eligible. For information call Lou Pirronello at 462-1408.

## GOLF NEWS

Qualifying dates for the Great Lakes Amateur Tour have been changed to Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, June 2, for sites on the West Metro circuit. Dunham Hills, Salem Hills, Faulkwood Shores and Tanglewood golf courses will conduct qualifying rounds on May 18, Oakpointe and Tanglewood on June 2. The dead-end also has been extended to Friday, May 10.

## TENNIS LESSONS

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering its first session of tennis lessons for ages 8 to adult and players of all ability levels. All class times will be in the early evening, once a week for six weeks, from April 29 to June 7.

The fee is \$25 for Canton residents, \$30 for non-residents. Age groups are youth (8-12), juniors (13-17) and adult (18 and up). Kristen Harrison and/or her staff of assistants will give the lessons. Register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

## STEELERS FOOTBALL

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Junior League football team will register players and cheerleaders from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in the Canton High School cafeteria.

Many teams and squads are full, so please call ahead. For information, call Sue Herman at 455-7299.

# In this case, it's men bowlers first

CONSIDER THE all-stars and the classic bowling leagues the "cream of the crop" among the bowling community.

This week's column will feature only the men's leagues. The ladies and youth leagues will have their turn in a few weeks.

The top two men's leagues are the H & L Distributor's Tuesday All Star Classic of Thunderbowl Lanes and the Schaefer Beer Thursday Traveling All Stars. Many of the bowlers in these leagues bowl in both of the leagues, or on the same team.

Averages are generally lower in a traveling league than in an in-house league. Most bowlers carry averages of more than 200 and honor scores of 300 games. It's not rare to see an 800 series.

These bowlers' abilities are at the highest level and the competition is intense. Many of these bowlers could do well on the pro tour if they had the time and financial backing.

The Observer and Eccentric cities are well represented in these leagues, as the following scores indicate.

Karl Brubaker of Garden City, carries a 214 average; Tom Brudzinski of Canton, a 225 average in the H&L League and 208 in the Schaefer's Beer League; Richard Eiermann of Garden City, 216 average with a 225 series in the H&L and a 210 average in the Schaefer's; and Ernie Gazdag, Jr., of Westland, 220 average and an 810 series in the H&L.

Ed Grace III of Farmington Hills averages a 222 in the H&L and a 217 in the travel league, including a 300 game. Westland's Paul Grauer averages 225 in the H&L, including a 300 game, and tops the averages in the Schaefer's with a 221.

The scores of area bowlers are impressive and the honor roll of these two leagues continues: Bob Hanson of Rochester Hills averages 216 in the H&L and 207 in the Schaefer's; George Pineran of Livonia averages a 216 in the H&L and 212 in the Schaefer's; Lew Ansara of Farmington Hills carries a 191 average in the H&L; Westland's David Mahaz averages 214 in the H&L; Nunzio Marino of Westland averages 218 in the H&L, including a 300 game, and 213 in Schaefer's.

Larry Omara of Troy averages 190 in the H&L; Jon Putti of Birmingham averages 220 in the H&L; Lee Snow of Farmington averages 219 in the H&L and 212 in Schaefer's; Troy Stus of Garden City carries a 220 average in the H&L and a 217 in Schaefer's; Jack Treolar, Jr., of Redford averages 199 in the H&L; Southfield's Dan Ottman averages 216 in the



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H&L and 212 in Schaefer's. Tony Stipack, Jr., of Redford averages 217 in the H&L and 199 in Schaefer's; Larry Walker of Garden City averages 217 in the H&L and 208 in Schaefer's; and Ryan Wilson of Garden City carries a 210 average in the H&L and a 211 in Schaefer's.

The H&L League bowls each Tuesday at Allen Park's Thunderbowl Lanes. Anyone interested in watching this level of competition is welcome.

Southfield's Plum Hollow Lanes is the site for the Miller Lite Classic each Friday evening. A few weeks ago, Mickey Ahrens of Southfield bowled a perfect 300 game and an 814 series, during which he threw 26 consecutive strikes.

The league also saw perfect games from Tim Saunders and Jim Strange.

Livonia's Wonderland Lanes hosts the Wonderland Classic each Tuesday night. Now in its 31st year, the league still attracts some of the area's best bowlers, including Livonia's Ron Eisenbeis (209 average); Westland's Bill O'Brien (207); Livonia's Jim Galton (206); Redford's Larry Franz (205); and Redford's Greg Basharu (202).

Prize money is as impressive as the scores in this 16-team league, with first place earning \$5,400 this season and increasing to \$7,500 next season. The league average is 192 this year.

This column will cease for two weeks because the Harrison's are leaving for a long drive and a too short vacation.

## BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): University Men's League — John Lomik, 722. Greenfield Mixed — Sandy Green, 191; Darrel Krause, 226; John Staricha, 258/679; Jim Jimmerson, 228; Kay Markell, 212; Ten Pin Alley, 222/621; Debbie Blanchard, 202/546; Tom Koebel, 290/688; Kay Davis, 221; Jim Waldrep, 235; Ryan Wilson, 243; Sherry Pettko, 219/345; Lila Smith, 206; Bobbie Gooding, 215; Jack Gattrell, 224/656; Stella Pietrzyk, 209; Carl Hansen, 221/643; Sandy Romano, 205; Jan Hansen, 549; Chris Elliot, 258; Dolly Lehman, 534. University Men's League — Frank Alonso, 300/718; Mike Nye, 289.

# Madonna rebounds with 3 softball wins

After a disappointing doubleheader loss April 17 to Aquinas College — both games by a single run — Madonna University's softball team rebounded to collect three wins in four games last weekend.

Two of the wins were over NAIA District 23 foe Grand Rapids Baptist, and both were stopped prematurely, according to the district's eight-run mercy rule. The Lady Crusaders thumped the Comets 9-1 and 19-0 Thursday in Grand Rapids. Janet Hietila (from Redford Union HS) earned the win in the opener, hurling a three-hitter over six innings. She walked one and struck out two.

The game was close entering the sixth, with Madonna clinging to a 2-1 lead. But

four Baptist errors helped trigger the seven-run rally, which included singles by Megan Armstrong, Holly Brachel, Stacey Girard and Mandy Armstrong — four of the Crusaders' six hits.

IN THE SECOND game, Madonna didn't wait so long to assert itself. The Crusaders pushed across nine runs in the first inning — with Jill Burt and Kelly Gannon each slashing two-run singles and Mandy Armstrong adding a run-scoring single. Four more Comet errors fueled Madonna's rally.

Jenny Marquette added a two-run single to spur the Crusaders' four-run second inning, and Mandy Armstrong drove in two runs with a base hit in the four-run

third. Mandy Armstrong finished with two hits, two runs scored and three runs batted in, while sister Megan scored four runs. Gannon also had two hits.

Hietila (first three innings) combined with Joann Donehay (last two) in the three-hit shutout, with Donehay getting the win. They did not walk a batter between them; Baptist pitchers walked nine.

ON FRIDAY, Madonna split its doubleheader against Ferris State, winning the opener 3-2 on Burt's clutch run-producing double in the seventh but losing the nightcap 6-5.

Burt's game-winner followed a walk to Marquette. Madonna got its first two runs in the first inning on RBI singles by Marquette (she had two hits in the game) and Brachel. Donehay limited the Lady Bulldogs to five hits and no walks in pick-

ing up the win. In the second game, two passed balls by Brachel allowed two runs to score, and that hurt in the one-run loss.

ANGIE VAN DYKE and Megan Armstrong each singled in a run in the second to put the Crusaders ahead — briefly, before Ferris got two in its half of the inning. Madonna recaptured the lead on Stacey Girard's run-scoring single, but the Bulldogs again tied it in the bottom half of the inning, then went ahead 3-3 with two in fourth.

Cheryl Baker knocked in a run with a base hit, pulling Madonna to within 5-4 midway through the fifth. But Ferris added another run to its total in its half of the fifth, leaving Burt's RBI double in the sixth one run shy.

Westland Lanes (Livonia) Ford T&C Ladies — Pat Brown, 229/521. Rita and Mimi — Shirley Koeck, 294; Donna Herin, 324. Morning Stars — Betty Kahl, 221; Jane Baska, 223. Easy Rollers — Doug Lobb, 673. Men's Trio League — Tim Matheson, 254/687; Dan Kijorski, 289-216-244/749; Dan Emmett, 269-255/717. Thursday Nite Men — Mike Benton, 689. Senior House — Jim Potter, 684; Mark Payne, 683; Brian Ziemba, 714. Swingers — Sandi Hossik, 217-205-199/819. Catholic Central Father & Son League — Jason Garland, 379; Randy Souk, 237. Afternoon Delights — Carol Cunningham, 222; Marlynn Kosto, 221.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford Twp.) Mayflower Monday Seniors — Chuck Federico, 299/649; Ben Inetta, 228/650; Pat Valerio, 232/622; Stan Wimmer, 237/616; Harry Kaspi, 246/610; Jim Johnston, 218/605. Mayflower Friday Seniors — Chuck Federico, 232/648; Ted Mack, 228/628; Al Thompson, 233/626; Ray Olson, 228/624; Bob Canning, 223/617; Dave Fiers, 212/613; Cal Simmon, 242/612; Art Kusner, 202/602.

Westland Bowl Wednesday 8:30 Men's League — Jeff Hanson, 258-247/790; Donnie Castaldi, 279-264/740. Sunday Sleepers — Paul Chute, 206/752. Sunday Mixed League — Brian Smith, 239. Bowling belles — Angela Will — 217-257-193/607.

Oak Lanes (Westland) Tuesday Nite Rollers Mixed — Donnie Richards, 200. Tuesday Nite Men's League — Hiran Gerafi, 234; George Bird, 245; Rick Galda, 236; Pat Davis, 241-234.

Thursday Nite Men's League — Barry Voss, 231; M. Marion, 243; Greg Bricker, 246; Bruce Alderman, 237/662. Tuesday Nite Ladies Trio — Laura Klue, 215.

Wednesday Nite Men's — Jim Rubin, 233; M. Schaffer, 232; Ron Mijal, 245-230/668; Pat Stolnicki, 236; Bill Kennedy, 234; S. Darra, 235. Fred Weiss, 259/688. Wednesday Pacesetter Ladies — Viv Waldrep, 200; Linda Kester, 202; Tina Cox, 225. Adrienne Cherry, 215. Monday Nite Ladies — Judy Wroblewski, 224.

Kings & Queens Mixed — Donna Porter, 204; Elaine Jones, 201; Rick Berry, 232; Darlene Piounek, 203; Stephanie Cox, 221; Lisa Torrey, 203; Vickie Wells, 214. Friday Nite Ladies — Kathy Toth, 203; Carol Bidwell, 205. Middlebelt Men — Glenn Lloyd, 256/676; Bill Parson, 245; Ken Kubeck, 235.

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# Gelmisi's AAU North squad 1st

By C.J. Rieck  
staff writer

Nothing, it seemed, was going right for the North team at the first annual boys AAU/USA Michigan High School Seniors' All-Star Soccer Tournament, played Sunday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The person originally selected to coach them, Henry Klimes, couldn't make it; he was replaced by John Gelmisi, a former all-stater at Livonia Stevenson and an assistant coach at Schoolcraft College last year.

Then four North team players didn't show up. Three of them were from Okemos HS, and all played on a club team that had a game scheduled for that day.

Making a deteriorating situation worse, two of the no-shows were the team's keepers. His other absentees had left Gelmisi with just two true defenders.

"A little roster shuffling helped — quite a bit, as it turned out. Dave Glaser, a keeper from Sterling Heights Stevenson, was added to the North team; so were two defenders.

JUST PRIOR to the start of the tournament, Gelmisi said, "I was more concerned with our defense," for reasons already apparent. When it was over, his concern had helped the North record a pair of shutout victories, 1-0 over the South team (coached by Schoolcraft head coach Van Dimitriou) and, in the championship match, 4-0 over the East (coached by Livonia Franklin's Franz Lamarre).

"The win qualified the North for the AAU Junior Olympics National Championship Tourna-

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ment July 25-30 in Tallahassee, Fla.

"I was incredibly pleased with the way they responded," to his coaching, Gelmisi said. "I only met them 15 minutes before the game. That's when we put together a game plan, the only one we could make work. It's all the time we had to prepare."

The defensive problems facing the North convinced Gelmisi to have them play "a high-pressure defense, with very, very tight marking." He had to take into account they would by nature "do a lot of overlapping on defense. Normal defenders wouldn't, but someone with offensive tendencies would."

THE NORTH dodged some bullets against the East in the title game. "We got lucky a couple of times," said Gelmisi. "They hit the goalpost twice on breakaways. But our defense settled down after that."

The game was scoreless at the half. The North got scores from Mike Weiskirch (Utica Eisenhower HS), Phil York (Novi HS), Jason Stempfen (Milford HS) and Jeff Scouler (Rochester HS) in the second half to post the victory.

"The key was getting everyone to think the same out there," said Gelmisi. "They were definitely on the same wavelength."

"They were a great bunch of guys. They really responded well — all kudos go to them. We didn't

have the best players, but we had the best team." In the North's opening win over the South, Bob Mainhardt (Eisenhower) scored the only goal of the match in the first half after a free kick from 25 yards out. The ball was volleyed from the right side of the net to the left, and Mainhardt knocked it in.

IN THE OTHER opening-round match, the East advanced with narrow 4-3 win over the West. The East scored the first four goals of the match, but the West battled back with goals by Rob Gnepper (Ottawa Hills), Carl Bostrom (Walled Lake Central) and Eric Petker (Rochester) — but could get no closer.

In the consolation final, Mason's West squad got two goals from both Gnepper and Bostrom and hung on to beat the South 4-2. Brian Hauman netted two goals for the South, the second pulling his team to within 3-2.

Poor weather hurt the attendance, but — according to Michigan AAU/USA soccer president Wayne Worosz — there were still five college coaches present: Gary Parsons of Oakland University, Joe Baum of Michigan State, Chris Corteg of Eastern Michigan, Blake Glass of Western Michigan and Louie Stankovich of University of Detroit-Mercy.

NOTES: Because of the poor weather and resulting small crowd, Worosz said sponsors will be needed to help offset the costs of sending the North team to the national tournament. Worosz said three players will be added to the North roster and an additional team — consisting of other all-star players — may also make the trip. Anyone wishing to help sponsor the team can call Worosz at 455-4011.

# Lally stops Hotchletter

By Brad Emmons  
staff writer

Brett Lally, fresh from defending his North American Boxing Federation Junior Middleweight title last weekend in Lake Tahoe, Nev., was unavailable for interviews.

The sign on Lally's house should have read: "Gone fishing."

"Brett's down in Ohio, he's got the week off," said brother and trainer Bradd.

Lally could sit back on his boat and reflect on his sixth-round TKO of Willie "Montana" Hotchletter. The victory gave the 1981 Westland John Glenn High product a professional record of 28-5 (including 18 KOs), but more importantly it moved him closer to a shot at a world title.

Lally, a landscaper from South Lyon who plans to relocate soon in Plymouth, is now 5-0 since his loss to Donald Curry in Dec. 1989.

The NABF stipulates you make a mandatory title defense in three months, but we may forfeit that," Bradd said. "We're willing to sit and wait."

"Brett wants at least one fight for his people Livonia. We've talked to the people at Laurel Manor (a banquet facility in Livonia) about something the first week of June. We've talked to the Del Signore family (the Laurel Manor owners), and we may go with a non-title fight."

LALLY CURRENTLY is ranked No. 3 among junior middleweights (154 pounds) by the World Boxing Council (affiliated with the NABF), No. 7 in the International Boxing Federation, and No. 9 by the World Boxing Association.

Meanwhile, Lally's brother Bradd called the win over Montana, a blackjack dealer, a "very brutal fight."

"He (Hotchletter) said some things that Brett didn't appreciate before the fight," Bradd recalls. "Montana told everybody he was going to box Brett's ears off for five rounds and then take him out. He also called Brett a 'sea level fighter' because he (Hotchletter) had been training up in the mountains all the time."

"Brett has always respected his opponents and never said derogatory things about them, but during the weigh-in (before the fight) Brett made it known he wasn't about to take that."

Against Hotchletter, the crowd favorite, Lally wasted little time in going after his opponent.

## boxing

"Brett told me he was going to box, but that lasted about two seconds," said Bradd. "After eight seconds he put him down."

LALLY CONTROLLED five of the first six rounds in the scheduled 12-round, losing only the third.

In the fourth round, Hotchletter's eye was cut open.

The referee then stopped the bout in the sixth.

"The gamblers were confident this guy (Hotchletter) could take Brett out," Bradd said. "The people were chanting, 'Willie, Willie,' but Brett understood."

The bout drew a crowd of about 1,000 at Caesars Tahoe.

Andrew Maynard, the 1988 Olympic light-heavyweight gold medalist, was also on the card.

"There was no TV and I was a little surprised with that with Maynard being on the card," Bradd said.

Two possible upcoming opponents for Lally include WBA champ Gilbert DeLe of France, the IBF champ, or Gianfranco Rossi of Italy.

"We've talked to Brett's agent and I'd like to line up a title fight in Michigan because he's on top of his game," Bradd said.

LBC AT GOLDEN GLOVES: The Livonia Boxing Club came away with four titles, three without landing a punch, during Saturday's Metro Detroit Golden Gloves Finals at Cobo Arena.

Those going unopposed included Novi's Devon Peyton, 261 pounds, Senior Novice A Division; Ann Arbor's Chris Jakubowski, 165, Novice; and Brent McFadyen, 156 Novice.

"I'm disappointed because all three would have shown well," said Paul Soucy, LBC director.

Livonian Ed Doulette, a Stevenson High product, evened his record at 1-1 when Hamtramck's Lek Dedruka of the famed Detroit Kronk Gym was disqualified in the second round.

"We got four titles, but I don't like to get titles that way," Soucy said. "I like a guy to go in there and prove himself, and win it."

A lung infection kept LBC's 178-pound entry Soo-Young Chang from competing in the Novice class.

Meanwhile, Ypsilanti's Steve Seidel, another LBC member, was stopped in the first round of his 156-pound Senior Novice A bout by Rossell Matthews of Detroit Butzel.

So if you're keeping a scorecard, the Livonia Boxing Club went 1-1 on the night.

## the week ahead

### PREP BASEBALL

(starting times 4 p.m. unless noted)

Thursday, April 25: Liv. Stevenson at Farmington; N. Farmington at Westland Glen; Northville at Ply. Canton; W.L. Central at Ply. Salem; W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison; Lutheran Westland at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26: Garden City at Redford Union; Allen Park at Red. Thurston; Southgate at Wayne; Avondale at Liv. Clarenceville; Ply. Christian vs. Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. at Fiddin Field.

Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin, Ply. Canton, Ply. Salem at Monroe Tourney, 9:30 a.m.; St. Agatha vs. C.L. St. Clement (2), 10 a.m. at Capitol Park; Liv. Stevenson at Garden City (2), 11 a.m.; Westland Glen vs. Wayne Memorial (2), 11 a.m.; Redford Union at Farm. Harrison (2), 11 a.m.; Novi at W.L. Central (2), 11 a.m.; W.L. Western at Farmington (2), 11 a.m.; Lutheran Westland at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (2), 11 a.m.; Redford CC vs. Bishop Borgese (2) at Capitol Park.

GIRLS SOFTBALL (starting times 4 p.m. unless noted)

Thursday, April 25: Liv. Churchill at Liv. Franklin; Farmington at Liv. Stevenson; Westland Glen at N. Farmington; Ply. Canton at Northville; Ply. Salem at W.L. Central; Farm. Harrison at W.L. Western; Wayne at Southgate; Det. Benedicene at Bishop Borgese; Waterford Our Lady at St. Agatha; Lutheran Westland at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.

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BOYS TRACK (meets start at 3:30 p.m. unless noted)

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### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

• April 25 — A two-day boating safety class begins at 6 p.m. The free course, offered by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, will be at the Marine Division headquarters, 1700 Brown Road, Auburn Hills (west of M-24, north of the Palace). Call 858-4991 for more information.

• April 27 — Trout season opens statewide.

• April 29 — A scuba and snorkeling class begins at 7 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. Call 433-0885 for more information.

• May 1 — Monthly meeting of the family-oriented Four Seasons Fishing Club begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Call Tony Brehler at 477-3816 for more information.

• May 19 — Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 3-D archery shoot at 10 a.m. on its walk-through range in Plymouth Township. Call 453-9843.

• May 25-26 — Seventh annual Michigan Great Lakes Wildlife Festival will be in Clare. Call (517) 386-7492 for more information.

• May 26 — Spring wild turkey season ends.

OAKLAND CO. PARKS

• Orienteering for Junior Naturalists, a program in which participants, ages 9-13, will learn basic map reading and compass-use skills, begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

Oakland County Parks programs require advanced registration and some have a nominal fee. Call the Independence Oaks Nature Center at 625-6473 to register or for more information.

## CC icer named MVP

Redford Catholic Central's Jesse Hubenschmidt stood out for Team Michigan last weekend in the Chicago, Ill., Showcase High School Hockey Tournament.

Hubenschmidt had six goals and six assists as Team Michigan finished tied for third in the tourney, losing to eventual champion New Hampshire in the semifinal round, 4-3.

Hubenschmidt got off to a slow start. He was held scoreless in Team Michigan's 4-2 opening-round victory over New Jersey. Livonia Churchill's Jeff King picked up the slack, scoring the game-winner in the first-round win.

In a 10-0 second-round win over Colorado, Hubenschmidt tallied five points while Birmingham Brother Rice goalie Pat Saunders posted the shutout.

Saunders was also in goal during Team Michigan's 4-2 triumph over Tri-State, a team consisting of all-stars from Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa.

In the quarterfinals, Team Michigan was seeded No. 2 behind top seed Massachusetts. Coached by Livonia Churchill grad Bob Daniels, now an assistant coach at Ferris State, Team Michigan defeated Illinois, 7-1.

But Team Michigan could not get past New Hampshire, which went on to beat Massachusetts in the final, 4-3.

## hockey

"FOR THE TALENT we had and the little time we had together, we did very well," said A.J. Baker, Team Michigan general manager. "The coaches (which also included Lake Superior State assistant Ron Rolston) were very pleased. It was a very positive experience for these guys."

It was Team Michigan's best finish since 1987 when Buffalo, N.Y., defeated the state representative, 6-5, in the finals.

"It's a shame the Michigan High School Athletic Association, in their infinite, bungling wisdom, won't let all the seniors play," said Baker, referring to the MHSAA's ban on spring sports athletes from participating in post-season all-star games.

Baker was referring to the absence of Rice's Pat Grohar and Chris Freeman, both whom play lacrosse, although not a MHSAA sanctioned sport, in the spring.

Rice's Tim Capaldi, a linemate of Hubenschmidt's, scored three goals and added three assists for Team Michigan during the five-game run. Defenseman Colin Gallagher (Livonia Churchill) contributed three assists. CC's Matt Surowiec also played on defense for Team Michigan.

## outdoors calendar

10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. daily or 425-0887 evenings, for more information.

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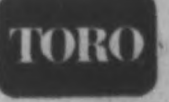
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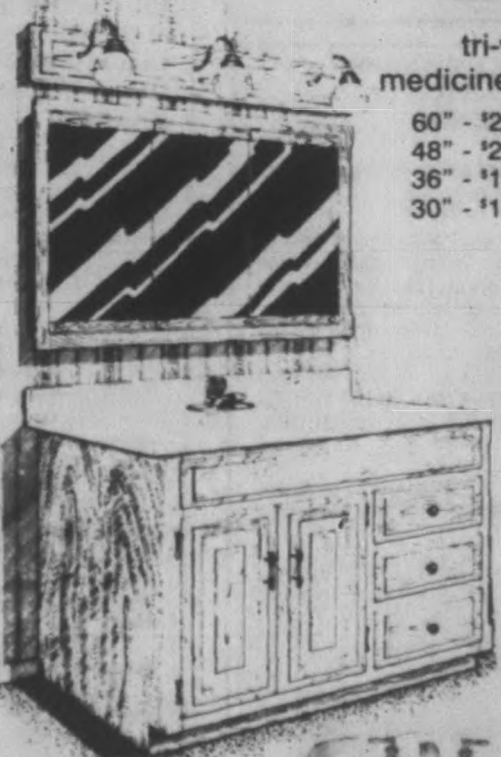
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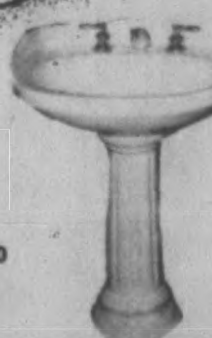
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# Retired air controller taking off for Soviet Union

By Todd Schneider  
staff writer

Robert Ervin suspects his spring trip to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe will be like traveling into a time warp.

The Livonia resident, who is making the trek as part of a delegation of air safety and civil aviation professionals through the Citizen Ambassador Program, figures he'll see equipment and techniques reminiscent of his early years as an air traffic controller in the 1950s.

"I hope I'm pleasantly surprised by newer technology," Ervin said, "but I don't think that's going to be the case."

"Based on what groups in other fields have discerned, I think we'll be looking at equipment that is 20-30 years old. The system will probably rely heavily on visual sighting with little computer backup," Ervin said.

"It should be a tremendous learning experience," Ervin said. "For 40 years their borders have been closed."

ERVIN'S GROUP will spend just over two weeks in Moscow, Kiev, Warsaw and Prague beginning May 27 getting a first-hand look at the state of air traffic control in the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc.

The delegation will look at flying operations, pilot and flight crew training, airfield management, air safety and en route air navigation facilities currently used in those countries.

The planned seminars and technical meetings are "exploratory" in nature, according to the retired controller who said the delegation hopes "to provide an avenue of communication" between the Eastern bloc aviation community and its American counterpart.

The purpose, as far as Ervin is concerned, fits comfortably with his philosophy: "Sharing knowledge is one of the most important responsibilities you can have as an adult."

But safety improvements and increased profitability for the airline industry will be benefits that spin off from the trip as well.

"With the tremendous growth in travel to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, our airlines need to know that they can operate safely in those countries," Ervin said.

New routes to cut flying time to the Far East and first-time routes over Siberia could eventually result from continued U.S.-Soviet dialogue, according to Ervin.

IN ADDITION, the opening of air trade routes between those countries and America will benefit all sides.

A similar trip to communist China several years ago indirectly led to a \$50 million contract for IBM to update a computerized air traffic control system, Ervin said.

The group will participate in cultural activities and some members are planning a stop at the acclaimed Paris Air Show before their return to the United States, Ervin said.

The delegation is made up of a cross-section of aviation profession-

als, including pilots, controllers, representatives from training and simulation companies and even a psychologist from the Swedish navy, said Ervin. Members are paying for the trip themselves.

Ervin, 59, spent more than three decades in the field and as an air traffic control instructor and administrator before retiring two years

ago. Asked to give a brief description Ervin responds that the controller's job is "hours and hours of boredom punctuated by moments of sheer terror."

But the job's inherent stress can usually be laid at the feet of poor management decisions and working conditions, not the pressure of trying to guide small, private planes

around jumbo jets with more than 300 passengers and crew members, he said.

A TYPICAL WORK week for controllers includes two daytime shifts, two evenings and a midnight shift, said Ervin.

The Hannibal, Mo., native made his career choice while serving in the Navy and "just stayed with it" after returning from active duty to live in St. Louis in 1956.

He came to the Detroit area in 1961 and has worked at Willow Run

and Detroit Metropolitan Airports, as well as Ann Arbor.

He experienced the PATCO strike in 1981, in which then President Ronald Reagan fired striking controllers, who are federal employees. The incident left deep scars on both sides and a lasting impression on the industry as a whole, Ervin said.

"Something has changed — and not necessarily for the better," Ervin said, referring to an esprit de corps among controllers that just isn't there any more.

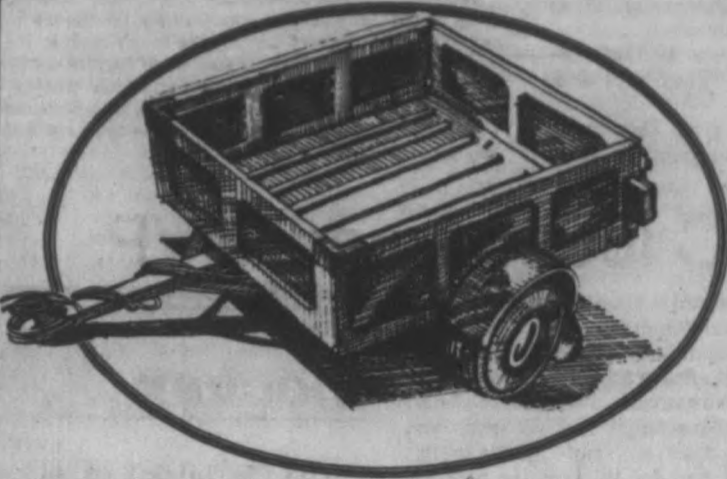
## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used for the Special Election to be held May 7, 1991. The test will take place on Thursday, May 2, 1991 at 3:00 P.M. in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

LOREN N. BENNETT  
Township Clerk

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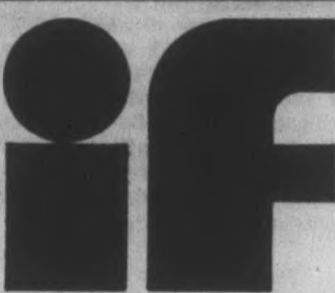
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-91-03 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARAGRAPHS A, C, G AND H OF SECTION 73.040, AND PARAGRAPHS A, B AND C OF SECTION 73.050, OF CHAPTER 73 OF PART 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; TO AMEND THE WATER CONSUMPTION RATES AND THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES FOR THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS CLAUSE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 73. That Paragraphs A, C, G and H of Section 73.040, Paragraphs A, B and C of Section 73.050, are hereby amended to read as follows:

73.040. Water Rates.  
A. Consumption Rate. The consumption rate shall be \$1.16 per 1,000 gallons.

C. Minimum Water Rates. This Section provides Minimum Water Rates charged, including service charge.

G. Capital Charges and Special Rates. This Section provides for annual capital charges and other charges for special and/or unusual conditions.

H. Other Charges. This Section provides for other charges to be levied for inspection, construction periods and other services.

73.050. Sewer System Rates.  
A. Sewer Disposal Use Rates:

(1) Such rates shall be levied on each lot or parcel of land, building or premises now or hereafter having any connection with the sewers of the system. Such rates shall be billed along with the water bill and shall be based on the quantity of water used therein (if there is such a meter).

(2) The sewage disposal rate shall be \$1.28 per 1,000 gallons of metered water.

B. Minimum Sewage Rates. This Section provides minimum monthly and quarterly sewage use rates.

C. Single Residences Unmetered Water. This Section provides for rates for residents with unmetered water supply.

Section 2. Severability. This Section provides that the Ordinance is declared to be severable.

Section 3. Repeal. This Section provides that all ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Section provides that the repeal does not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done occurring prior to the effective date hereof.

Section 5. Publication. This Section provides that the Township Clerk shall cause the Ordinance to be published in a manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 23rd day of April, 1991, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the complete ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan.

ESTHER HULSING, Clerk

Published April 25, 1991

## CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 20, 1991, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Article 2.00, General Provisions, Section 2.01 Administrative Regulations, Sub-Section F, Division and Consolidation of Land. Delete the following: Ordinance No. 79 of 1978, as amended.  
Article 4.00 Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements

Section 4.01, Sub-Section B, General Requirements, ADD THE FOLLOWING: Paragraph 9, Maintenance. All parking areas shall maintain a safe, clean and durable surface. Severe cracks and potholes shall be repaired after notification by the Building Official.

Section 4.01, Sub-Section D, Layout and Construction, paragraph 9, Delete the reference to "Ordinance No. 90."

Article 5.00, Landscaping, Screening & Walls

Section 5.02, General Landscaping Requirements Sub-Section C, paragraph 1, change "RM-1" to "MR."

Section 5.02, Specific Landscaping Requirements for Zoning Districts, Sub-Section C, paragraph 4, change "RM-1" to "MR."

Section 5.05, Installation and Maintenance Sub-Section D, Maintenance. DELETE THE FOLLOWING: All landscaped areas shall be provided with a readily available and acceptable supply of water, with at least one spigot located within three hundred (300) feet of all plant material to be established and maintained. ADD THE FOLLOWING: An automatic irrigation system is required of all proposed developments for all landscaped and/or lawn areas. This requirement may be waived by the Planning official if it is determined that the scope of the project is minimal and that the cost of installation of such equipment would be prohibitive to the development of the site.

Article 6.00, Section 6.02 Site Development Standards for Non-Residential uses, Sub-section T, Regional Shopping Centers: 1. Design Characteristics DELETE THE FOLLOWING - Minimum Gross Leasable Floor Area: Three hundred thousand (300,000) square feet.

Delete "Ordinance No. 103" from the following:

- Article 1, Section 1.03, fence definition
- Article 2, Section 2.20
- Article 3, Section 5.05, Sub-Section A paragraph 1
- Article 5, Section 5.08, Sub-Section A paragraph 6
- Article 5, Section 5.09, Sub-Section A
- Article 6, Section 6.02, Sub-Section 5, paragraph 2

Planning Commission  
JOHN BURDZIAK, Chairman

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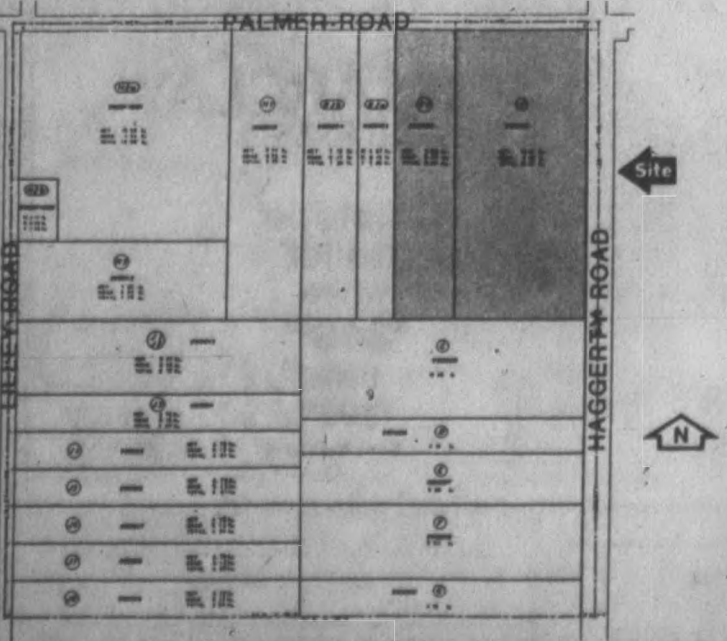
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CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 101-99-0001-000 AND 101-99-0002-000 FROM R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PALMER AND HAGGERTY ROADS.

Planning Commission  
JOHN BURDZIAK, Chairman

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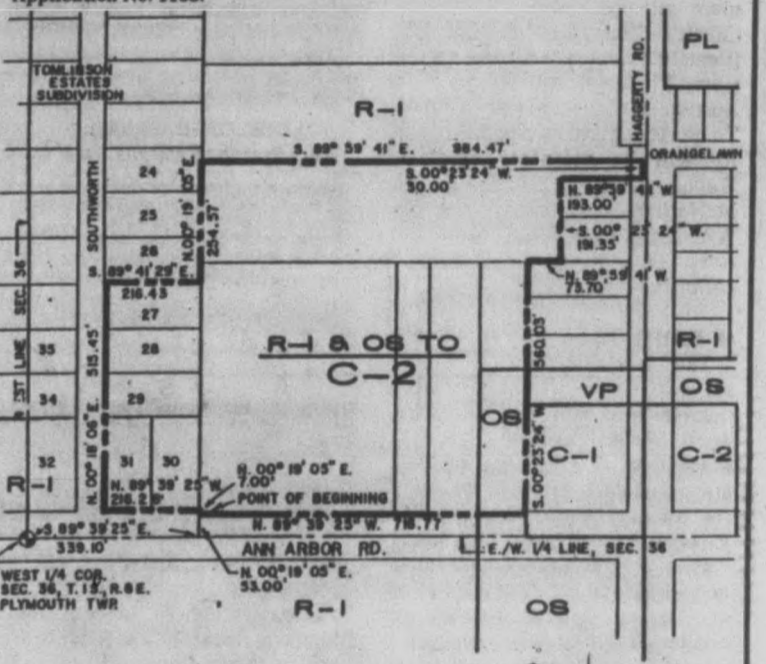
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### CORRECTION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1, Single Family Residential District and OS, Office Service District  
TO REZONE TO: C-2, General Commercial District  
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 15, 1991  
TIME OF HEARING: 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, Single Family Residential District, and OS, Office Service District, 15.899 acres, more or less to C-2, General Commercial District. Application No. 1133.



### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOTS 27, 28, 29, 30 AND 31 OF TOMLINSON ESTATES, PART OF THE NORTH 1/4 OF SECTIONS 35 AND 36, T1S, R8E, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 67 OF PLATS ON PAGE 32, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, AND PART OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 SECTION 36, T1S, R8E, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE S. 89° 39' 25" E. 339.10 FEET ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N. 00° 19' 05" E. 53.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N. 00° 19' 05" E. 7.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 30; THENCE N. 89° 39' 25" W. 216.28 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SOUTHWORTH AVENUE; THENCE N. 00° 18' 06" E. 515.45 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 27; THENCE S. 89° 41' 29" E. 216.43 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 27; THENCE N. 00° 19' 05" E. 254.57 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TOMLINSON ESTATES; THENCE S. 89° 59' 41" E. 984.47 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF HAGGERTY ROAD; THENCE S. 00° 23' 24" W. 30.00 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE N. 89° 39' 41" W. 193.00 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 23' 24" W. 191.35 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 59' 41" W. 73.70 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 23' 24" W. 560.03 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF ANN ARBOR ROAD; THENCE N. 89° 39' 25" W. 716.77 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC AND OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL UNIT IN ANY PART THEREOF USED, TAKEN OR DEEDED FOR STREET, ROAD OR HIGHWAY PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. CONTAINING 15.899 ACRES.

ORDINANCE NO. 83  
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 66  
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48178. Telephone No. 453-3840, ext. 209.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the premises to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

GREGORY WILLIAMS, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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# Entertainment

Ethel Simmons editor/953-2105



Thursday, April 25, 1991 O&E

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Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Broadway Connection," a musical revue continuing through Sunday, April 28, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

## Anniversary concert Director, choir celebrate 30th year

The Mercyaires perform a special anniversary concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Mercy High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children; former Mercyaires are admitted free. For more information call 474-4440 or 476-8020.

By Mary Jane Doerr  
special writer

**W**HEN THE Mercyaires alumnae join forces for a concert Sunday at Mercy High School, nearly 250 women could be singing the 16th century Vittoria version of "Ave Maria," the group's trademark. Over the last 30 years these women have performed at hospitals, rehabilitation centers and schools, for benefits, and anywhere they can bring joy and happiness.

"A while back we even sang for a dying lady at her home, sort of doing our choreography on the furniture," said Larry Teevens, founder and director of the 21-member girls show choir. His demanding leadership and insistence on perfection has opened up opportunities for the girls to sing at Detroit Tiger baseball games, the Fox Theatre Rosemary Clooney White Christmas Party and the Goodfellow's Christmas Show at the Fisher Building, and with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Ford Auditorium.

The Mercyaires choir sings and dances popular tunes from jazz to barbershop and medleys from Motown back to the 1920s, working off background tapes. Founder Larry Teevens, chairman of the Music Department, is in his 30th year at Mercy High School. It is also the group's 30th anniversary and, incidentally, Teevens' 30th wedding anniversary.

"NO, THIS DOES NOT mean retirement. I am just 58. I could keep going another 30 years," said Teevens of Northville, referring to a colleague, Mischa Bistrizky, 92, who conducts the strings at Mercy.

Members of the Mercyaires are picked from the 780 all-girls Mercy High School. They are juniors and seniors who can afford to devote nine hours a week to rehearsals and are willing to perform between 60 to 70 concerts a year. They are highly trained, can divide down into seven-part harmony, dance a finale from "A Chorus Line" and are comfortable anywhere — on tour with Rosemary Clooney in Pittsburgh or singing their "Cats" medley for the



Larry Teevens, chairman of the Music Department, rehearses for Sunday's concert

with Mercy High School's Mercyaires show choir, which he founded 30 years ago.

"Cats" cast at the Fisher Theatre. Yet, if you ask former members about their experience, none of them mentions the musical instruction they received or Roberta Campion's expert choreographic training.

"It was more than the singing. It was the good qualities they developed — the sensitivity, responsibility and thoughtfulness that Larry taught them," said Betty Law of Orchard Lake, who has three daughters who were Mercyaires.

Former member Marie Rumbly of Northville added, "I had never danced before, but in the group you learned to be the best you can. It was a wonderful experience."

"Since I was a child I heard my mother talk about how Larry had given her a sense of confidence and importance. When I became a Mercyaire I found the same thing. He instills in you the idea that you can do it," said Becky Bonnell of Bloomfield Hills.

LARRY TEEVENS himself does not recognize his musical talent as the important part of his effect as a teacher.

"More important than that is the tremendous number of the girls who have gone on into some type of so-

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— Larry Teevens

cial work. I want to teach them what 'mercy' is all about."

The group has evolved through the years, adapting to the changing modes and fads of society, not only in its vocal style but the way the members look. Twenty years ago choreography was added, and with it a change from the girls' original dark skirt/white blazer uniform to snazzy black dancer pants and white dressy blouse/red vest tops for day wear and elegant Bishop sleeve pink tops for evening garb.

"I follow their lead," said Teevens, about new ideas he dreams up for the group. "I utilize the talents the girls bring and change the program to bring in that developed talent."

An Irish tenor, Teevens got his musical experience the same way his students are getting theirs, with

Don Large's "Make Way for Youth" on WJR radio. He went on to the "Wayne King Show" in Chicago but returned to Detroit to get a bachelor of arts from the University of Detroit, a master of arts from Wayne State University and a job at Mercy High School. He also got married. From those early contacts he knows professionals such as Matt Michaels and Randy Herkness, who do the group's unique arrangements. A Mercyaires alumnus, Roberta Campion of Southfield, does the choreography.

Federal Judge Barbara Hackett had four daughters who were Mercyaires. "It opened a whole new world to them of the joy of music. Larry is a show personality and a talented musician but he also has a special gift to impart this to others. He makes music fun for everyone."

### upcoming things to do

● **MARQUIS THEATRE**

Artists of Michigan Opera Theatre's Department of Community Programs are joined by eight young performers in a return engagement through Sunday, April 28, at the historic Marquis Theatre in Northville. The program, titled "Broadway Connection," is a musical revue of Broadway melodies. For ticket information call the theater at 349-8110.

● **KNIGHTS DINNER**

Pianist/singer Jo Thompson Dunmore will perform at the Knights of Charity Dinner to benefit PIME (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions). The party will be held Friday, April 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. To be recognized as Knights of Charity will be volunteer Mado Lie, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and Weight Watchers WW Group President Florine Mark-Ross. Tickets can be obtained by calling 800-522-5128.

● **FAIRY TALE**

The Dearborn Youth Theater will stage "Cinderella" for two performances at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Fordson High School. More than 80 Detroit-area youngsters will participate including Canton students Ashley Armbruster and Elizabeth Leone; Livonia students Kayna Layne and Megan Asburn, and Redford student Katie Stachowski. Choreographer is B.J. Sholtz of Redford. The Dearborn Youth Theatre is sponsored by the Dearborn Recreation Department. For more information on the show, call the Dearborn Civic Center at 943-2168. Tickets at \$3 each are available at the door.

● **SPRING CONCERT**

The Livonia Civic Chorus will perform a spring concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the North Court at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

● **IN CONCERT**

Roger Whittaker, Kenyan-born British entertainer, will appear Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are on sale at the Fox Theatre box office, the Joe Louis and Cobo Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets range from \$37.50 down to \$10. To charge by phone call 645-6666. For further information call 567-6000.

● **SPRING FESTIVAL**

The St. Patrick Senior Center, Inc., Spring Festival will be held from 2-9 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the senior center at 58 Parsons (behind Orchestra Hall) in Detroit. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children, at the door. For more information call 833-7080.

● **MUSICAL COMEDY**

Stagecrafters presents the musical comedy horror hit, "Little Shop of Horrors," the final Main Stage production of the 1990-1991 season, at the Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27; Thursday-Saturday, May 2-4 and 9-11, and Friday-Saturday, May 17-18; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, May 12 and 19, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Tickets at \$9 and \$10 may be reserved by calling 541-6430.

● **TALENT SEARCH**

Michigan Tastefest, a Memorial Day Weekend festival of food and entertainment, has announced the Tastefest Talent Search for Kids. The best performers will be chosen

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Former Mercyaire Marie Rumbly

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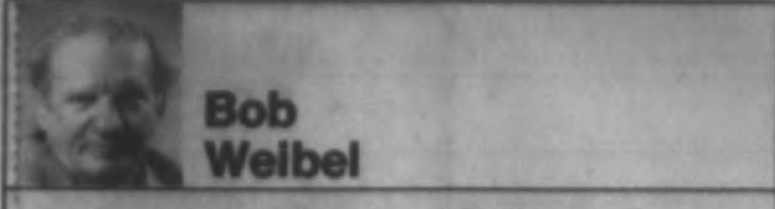
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Bob Weibel

# 'It's Only a Play' so actors have fun

Performances of the Theatre Guild production of "It's Only a Play" continue through Saturday, May 4, at the Theatre Guild playhouse in Redford. For ticket information call the box office at 538-5878.

Making fun of yourself is always, well, great fun. And that's just what the Theatre Guild is having with its season finale, "It's Only a Play," directed by Walter Mark Hill.

Playwright Terrence McNally also enjoys spoofing the conflicts and personalities of the theater. He fondly skewers assorted actors, critics, authors, producers, directors and would-be's in his scathingly satirical look at the New York theater world.

The setting (tastefully executed by the guild's Rebecca Smith in pastels of lime, cream and salmon) is the bedroom suite of an elegant East Side townhouse. Downstairs, a gala opening night theater party is under way. At least that's what we're told. One of the few things missing from this otherwise generally fine production is background sound effects of the party.

A parade of skitterish theatrical types make their way into the bedroom. They are, we learn, awaiting the reviews of their new show, "The Golden Egg." A few key critics, especially Frank Rich of the New York Times, can literally make or break most Broadway productions.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, the resulting insecurities bring out the worst (and funniest) in our assembled theatrical company. They think the show is a hit — while the rest of the world considers it a turkey (a butterball no less).

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lines like "He had all of my mannerisms and none of my warmth." David Podulka plays his friend and grieving author who can't cope with rejection to perfection.

Sandy Martin is very much at home in the role of a wealthy producer who doesn't have a clue about theater or why the show failed but can't wait to put up money for the next one.

Virginia Noyes energizes the stage as a flaky actress with a bag of controlled substances and an uncontrollable explicit mouth.

Joe Haynes creates an interesting slothy sarcasm for his role as a caustic critic. Charles Van-Hooses is delightful as the "boy genius" director and sometime kleptomaniac who gets his wish for a bad review.

RICK FREDRICK appears as a waiter for the evening who is really an aspiring actor ready to audition at a moment's notice, and Clara Burris is a New York cabbie, always ready to give advice — including theatrical.

"In" jokes and obscure theatrical references create a few flat spots. For the avid theatergoer, however, "It's Only a Play" is great fun and a hilarious way to end a season devoted to looking at the artist through the theatrical experience.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.

# 'Cats' will rock your socks off

Performances of the musical "Cats" continue through tonight at the Palace of Auburn Hills. For ticket information call 377-8600.

Two years ago Richard Jay-Alexander (associate director for Cameron Mackintosh Inc.) was in town to premiere "Les Miserables" at the Fisher Theatre and to negotiate the return of "Cats" to Detroit.

He told me about the ultimate experience in musical theater — a multi-media megamusical in amplified rock style with video screen close-ups. It was the answer to the sometimes yearly waits for tickets to Mackintosh's Broadway wonders. This new concept was already in the works.

Tuesday evening, "Cats" opened at the Palace of Auburn Hills, reworked into this style of presenta-

tion. The cats wear mikes in their hair. The taped music is amplified rock-concert style to more than 4,000 people. Video broadcast solos on large wide screen TVs with resolution so fine you can even see the stitches on Growlitzer's variegated colored costume and the cats' whiskers. T.S. Eliot's poetry is so clear you could sing along.

The Palace is blocked off to one side, its stage dwarfed by the size of the 21,900-seat building. From my seat on the Pistons' basketball floor, the videos bring to life the solos and give facial character to the cats. Higher up, binoculars might be more helpful.

PART ONE of the show is lifeless until Grizabella, Donna Lee Marshall, comes to sing "Memory." Then



Mary Jane Doerr

things change, and Part Two of the show lives up to its reputation. The dancing is modern, with outstandingly executed ballet maneuvers. The singers belt and use "legitimate" voices which soar with depth and power.

Christmas-tree-like lights line the set and the overhead spaces with booms and explosions from all parts of the oversized junkyard set. A make-believe train is made with a ragged umbrella, old lamps and a teakettle for Carmen Yurich's lively number as Skimbleshanks. "Growlitzer's Last Stand" spoofs musicals because Alice Lynn's voice is magical.

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber took the idea of "Cats" from T.S. Eliot's book "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," addressing the personalities of some 11 of Eliot's cats and adding a few of his own.

This production is now stylized with "canned" interpretations of Old Deuteronomy, Mistoffelees and Rum Tum Tugger. Alex Santoriello's Asparagus, called Gus, transcends the electrical personifications and the massive arena. The loudness of the

sound heightens his tender song of the old cat's memories of past glories.

Webber weaves an element of spiritual goodness into "Cats" as he does into "Starlight Express" and his other musicals. Grizabella ascends to heaven knows where, amid the theater lights, upon a tire. She has been chosen by Old Deuteronomy for a new life. And Daniel Marsuc's Old Deuteronomy teaches how to address cats with dignity and respect. There is richness in his powerful voice.

GUS, THE THEATRE CAT, tells us, "These modern productions are all very well, but there's nothing to equal, from what I hear tell, that moment of mystery when I made history."

He is right. The intimacy of theater experience is lost in the massiveness of the Palace but the magnitude of this "Cats" comes through loud and clear.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a fulltime teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.

## upcoming things to do

Continued from previous page

in age categories of 2-7 years, 8-13 years and 14-18 years, to complete in performances at the Michigan Tastefest. Birthdays must be as of April 30. Winners will be selected by a panel of celebrity judges and will receive prizes to be announced. Michigan Tastefest will be held May Thursday-Monday, May 24-27, in Detroit's New Center Area. For more information on Talent Search for Kids' rules, call Mary Chris Titus at 872-0188.

### FOLK MUSIC

The Possum Corner Traditional Music Association, a non-profit organization, presents John Gorka in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at St. Daniel Church Cushing Center in Clarkston. Tickets are \$8.50, adults; \$7.50, members, and \$6.50 for seniors and children under 15. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Book Place in Lake Orion and at the door the night of the concert.

### HISPANIC HOLIDAY

Michigan's first statewide "5 de Mayo" Festival will be held from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit. Modern Mexican-American en-

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### DANCE AUDITIONS

Rhythm Nation Productions is auditioning dancers for a new country music television program to be produced in metro Detroit. Auditions will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the High Kicker Saloon in Pontiac. Dancers who like to two-step, clog or just dance to country music may attend with or without a partner. No acting is required.

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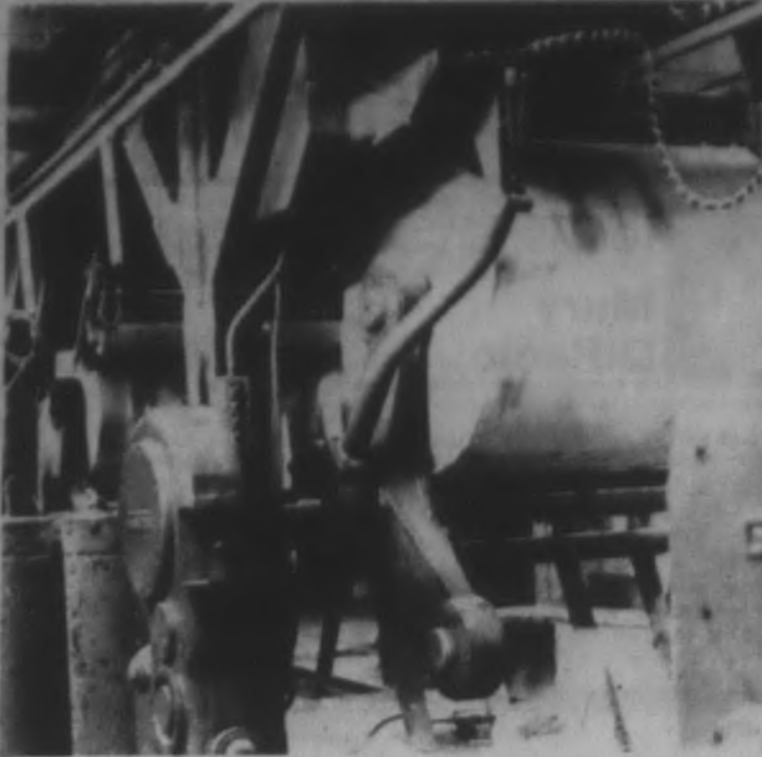
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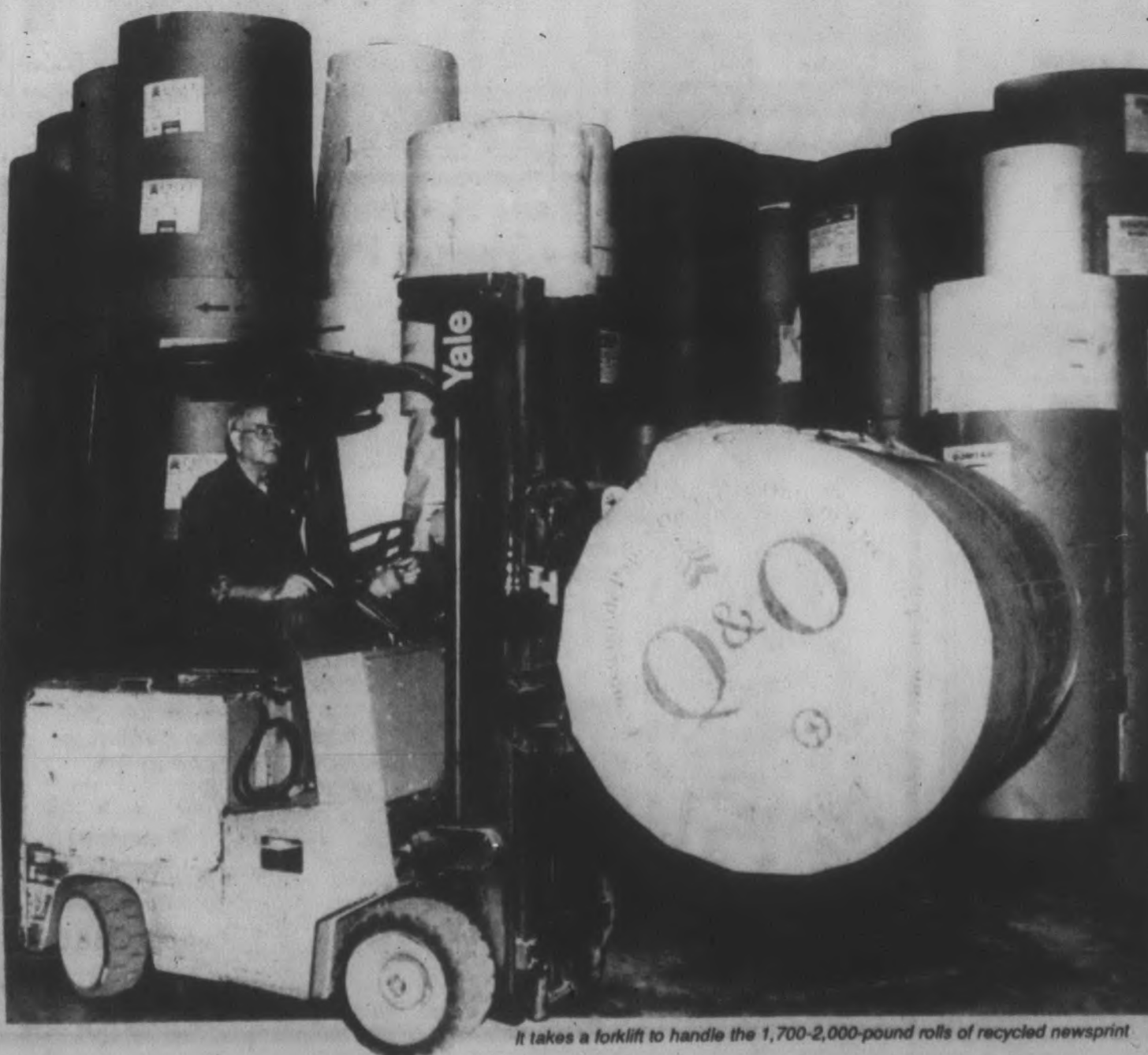
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# Older workers benefit from new profit-sharing plan

Traditionally, profit-sharing plans have been the most popular type of qualified retirement plan among small business owners. This was confirmed by a recent study conducted by the IRS that tracked the number of initial applications received for the four different types of plans from October 1989 to September 1990.

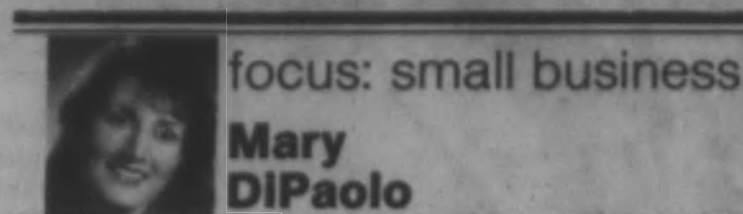
The results showed that fewer than 500 applications were submitted for target benefit plans, approximately 2,000 each for defined and money purchase plans and nearly 3,000 relative to the profit-sharing plan.

The popularity of profit-sharing plans are primarily attributable to

the flexibility offered in the amount of contributions made each year and the fact that such a plan is easy to understand, set up and administer.

Since the passage of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, business owners can make contributions to a profit-sharing plan without declining a profit. Contributions can range up to 15 percent of covered payroll and allow for many types of directed investments. Each employee is allocated separate accounts, and investment earnings are used to increase benefits.

For younger employees who benefit by having longer periods of tax-deferred growth, small deposits can



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generate a high percentage of salary at retirement. Combined with Social Security benefits, a payout of 100 percent of salary is possible.

But this plan may not be best for achieving a high percentage of salary for older, more highly compensated business owners or key employees. This is especially true for

those who, in many cases, have fewer years of participation until retirement.

The IRS has recognized this problem and has issued new regulations under section 401(a)(4)-8 of the Internal Revenue Code. "Aged-based" profit sharing has recently been introduced as a solution to favor older

business owners and employees while minimizing employee costs.

"Employees who adopt an aged-based formula can see a significant reduction in total contributions without sacrificing contributions for themselves and their key employees," said Curt Whipple, a certified financial planner with Curtis/Thomas & Associates in Farmington.

The same general rules as traditional profit-sharing plans apply to the new aged-based plan, except for the allocation method. The fewer number of years until retirement makes it possible for increased allocations into these accounts, which makes this type of plan enormously attractive for rewarding owners and

employees for their many years of hard work."

The savings realized through implementation of an aged-based plan can be an important source of revenue for offsetting high renewal rates for group health insurance or adding needed disability protection, Whipple said.

For more information on aged-based profit sharing, call Whipple at 476-3749.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Northville business consulting firm. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Chamber Perspectives."

## business people

Ruth Olson, owner of a photography studio in Westland, won Wedding Photographer of the Year at the convention of the Professional Photographers of Michigan in Traverse City. Olson is a graduate of Garden City High School. She is a member of the international, national, state and Detroit photographic chapters.



Olson

Frank N. Gaddy of Livonia was promoted to senior vice president for Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. He is the officer-in-charge of the Midwest banking department. He also oversees the activities of the commercial real estate division, the Midwest correspondent services division and the bank's Manubank Leasing subsidiary. He has been with the bank for 21 years. Most recently, he was first vice president in the Midwest banking department.

Steven J. Ashbay of Livonia was appointed production manager for Wickman Corp.'s CNC Production Division in Oak Park. Ashbay joined Wickman in 1977 and has an extensive background in machine tool applications and computer demonstrations.

Susan Pasi of Westland joined Campbell-Mithun-Esty in Southfield as office services manager. Before joining CME, Pasi worked in the Detroit office of J. Walter Thompson USA Inc. for 13 years. Having worked her way through the agency to the position of facilities manager,

Pasi was promoted to supervisor, office operations in 1987, overseeing the office needs of nearly 450 employees.

Lisa Pappas of Plymouth was appointed copywriter/media specialist for University Microfilms International in Ann Arbor. She had been director of promotion for the Port Huron downtown merchants' association and tourist information center. Before that, she had spent four years with the St. Joseph Hospital/St. Joseph Health Systems in Flint, where she was marketing communications writer.

Patricia Troy was named director of Discovery Learning Center in the Metro West Industrial Park on Sheldon in Plymouth. Troy has worked for both large and small child care corporations as a director.

## datebook

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Thursday, April 25 — "Strategic Budgeting" at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Fee: \$215. Information: 855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

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● **TRADE FAIR**  
Thursday, April 25 — Trade fair at Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Information: Rose Beal, 596-0379.

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● **REALTORS LUNCHEON**  
Friday, April 26 — Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi. Non-member fee: \$15. Information: 478-1700 Ext. 5.

● **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**  
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# The guilty blame everyone else for weak car sales

There are a few U.S. congresspeople wandering around Detroit this week, anxious to learn more about the auto industry.

Judging from a few of the statements attributed to them concerning their ignorance, you probably could recognize them in a crowd because of the bags they wear over their heads.

One confessed that he was surprised he had to worry about suppliers when he was talking about the car business. He thought the auto companies made everything themselves.

THIS IS easy enough to understand, since U.S. Steel Corp. was so ashamed of the metal it was selling to General Motors it renamed itself

USX Corp., or something like that, a few years ago. Anyone who doesn't realize that auto companies buy steel and rubber from other companies would really be shocked to find out how many computers they buy, which aren't made on Detroit assembly lines either.

Actually, the avowed ignorance of how the car business fits into the U.S. economy isn't half as disconcerting as the ignorance of how the U.S. government — all national governments, for that matter — affect the largest manufacturing business.

I FIRST noticed this phenomenon when David Halberstam, a Pulitzer-prize-winning political analyst, managed to write a 750-page analysis of the U.S. and Japanese auto indus-



tries without mentioning Washington policies and how its policies affect the business.

Still, the mere fact that a few congresspeople took the time to visit Detroit is encouraging. Not so encouraging was the remark from a think-tank type who was quoted "Washington isn't Detroit's problem; the problem is making cars as good as the Japanese."

Blunt as it is, this is as succinct a statement as you are likely to find about what drives the seemingly unending mountain of legislation that hamstring what used to be a relatively straightforward business of making and selling cars.

IN FACT, making cars as well as the Japanese is what the bonafide competitive effort is all about. On

the other hand, if making good cars is all it takes, we would be driving Deussenbergs today, and Saab would be giving Toyota a run for its money. Actually, I'm afraid that the total effort of this trip will be wasted on the obvious — that nobody can really make a fleet averaging 45 mpg or make exhaust so clean that it's cleaner than California air.

What I'd like to hear are a few people address some questions that have been bothering me lately, problems that have built up over the years since I was a youth, which I somehow think reflect a long effort of government policy.

WAY BACK then, in the mid-1960s, a monthly payment on a new

car, a year's car insurance, and a term's worth of tuition at Michigan State University's engineering school all were slightly less than \$90. General Motors was paying nearly 15 percent in dividends, and interest rates were 3 percent.

At the risk of sounding reactionary, I wonder if the changes we have seen, in tort liability, the dwindling dollar, the national debt, a diminished industrial base, and the dissolution of the system of education haven't somehow had an effect on the U.S. auto business. Maybe, in fact, more of an effect than the mechanical improvement in Japanese cars accomplished during those years.

It's an odd thought that elected officials who have orchestrated these changes don't think so.

# Record-setting Dow means it's time for investors to be careful

On April 17, at 14:09 EST the Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed the elusive 3,000-mark and, for the first time, stayed about that level at the close.

The next morning the Wall Street Journal published the following headline, "Dow Industrial Crack the 3,000 Mark". What is really surprising is the fact that investors pushed the Dow over the top without any help from the Federal Reserve.

This year much of the stock market's rise has been fueled by the Fed's policy of lowering interest rates to counter the recession. However, on April 17 the Dow closed at a record 3,004.36, up 17.58 percent on the day despite the fact that the Fed decided not to lower the interest rate.

ANALYSTS POINT out that this stock market rally is very different from the one last July. It is broader; the Dow's 30 Blue Chips are lagging other market indexes, such as the S&P's 500, which hit records a while ago. And it is being led by a very different group of stocks.



The six-month rally that has sent the Dow Industrial surging 639 points, or 27 percent, since the October low of 2365.10 has been dominated by growth stocks, and, to some extent, by cyclical companies whose earnings turn higher as the economy strengthens. In fact, what we have experienced is a market driven by the expectation of economic recovery and responding to lower interest rates.

In July 1990, the Dow rose above 3000 on two successive days, but both times closed at 2999.75. Shortly thereafter, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the ensuing economic slump in the United States resulted in a large decline in the market. But beginning

in October 1990, with most economists forecasting only a short recession, the market has been rallying. And it got a strong support from the U.S. victory over Iraq.

BUT ALTHOUGH the Dow Industrials are back at 3000, investors are facing very different bets than they were last summer. Nine months ago, when the Dow and the S&P 500 were racing to record levels, much of the stock market was not going along. Small stocks, especially, were taking a beating. As of mid-July, when the Dow was flirting with 3000, NASDAQ's Index of small industrial stocks was off 12 percent from its late 1989 peak.

Now the Standard and Poor's 500, the NASDAQ Composite, and just about every other market index is setting records. The S&P 500, a broad-based market measure, is 6 percent higher than it was in July. The NASDAQ Index, which represents small stocks, is up 57 percent from its low in October. And some of the fastest-rising stocks are those most sensitive to economic cycles and to interest rates.

EVERY FINANCIAL newspaper is predicting that the Dow is about to

reach 3200. However, I am really concerned about the short-term prognosis of this market.

In my view, investors are speculating that a quick economic rebound lies ahead. But, despite all the talk of recovery, autos, housing, employment, and consumer spending remain weak.

Investors are assuming that the economy will recover, interest rates will continue falling, and inflation is well under control. However, that line of thinking creates all the more opportunities for disappointments.

So I strongly advise caution.

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Sid Mittra is a professor of finance, school of business at Oakland University and owner of Coordinated Financial Planning.

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business and the federal government. The telephone number is 1-(800)-368-5855. It is staffed during normal business hours.

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## Early retirement decision demands careful analysis

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Jim Brooks was 57 when he received an offer 1 1/2 years ago from his employer of 33 years — a job buyout and opportunity for early retirement.

Brooks, not his real name, had worked for the telephone company in a variety of jobs before and after divestiture.

"It was very difficult," he said of the decision. "It's irreversible. It's not like you say I'll do it and three months later you say it's a mistake and I'll go back."

Brooks did some serious soul searching. He had many questions. The biggest — why would I want to do this? — he asked of himself.

"Basically, the decision, number one, hinges on whether you're retiring from something or to something," he said. "Once you get by the psychological portion, then I think you look at the financial end."

Brooks touched base with a couple of financial planners to examine projections and listen to recommendations. "I needed a lot of help," he conceded.

IN THE END, Brooks said farewell to the workaday world and took a lump sum monetary distribution in lieu of a monthly pension. He hasn't toiled for a salary since and doesn't know if he ever will again.

"It's working out well so far," Brooks said. "Basically, I work around the (Farmington Hills) house on mundane tasks I had no time for before. I do a little golfing, and I have a computer I'm trying mightily to master."

A job buyout or a lump sum profit sharing distribution at regular retirement age can pave the way to a happily ever after — or, without careful analysis and planning, years of regret.

"I think most people don't seek the advice they should seek," said John Cashen, a labor lawyer with the firm

of Bodman, Longley & Dahling in Troy. "It's money well spent."

People seem to have a great reluctance to spend a little money for advice when a lot of money is at stake, said Orville Lefko, a certified public accountant and chartered financial analyst.

His company, the Lefko Group in Troy, evaluates businesses and various business transactions.

"How do you find someone responsible to go to?" said Daniel P. Murphy, vice president of investments for Paine Webber of Livonia.

"Get some (client) references, not just one, but four or five, and randomly call and ask what their experience has been. Go to a firm with some financial staying power."

Negotiation is a big part of the decision-making process.

Don't be afraid to bargain over what initially has been offered in a buyout, especially if you're thinking about re-entering the job market. You may not get it if you don't ask and an initial offer may not be the best offer.

"AN EMPLOYEE will be able to negotiate some terms of a buyout and structure them to benefit him," Cashen said. "Negotiate fringe benefits. You may negotiate that an employer will provide health benefits for six months, a year.

"You might want to try to negotiate continued use of the premises while you do your own job search. It's fairly common for employers to do it.

"Things like a reference letter. It's always easier to get that at the time (negotiations) than when you're let go," Cashen said.

Lefko also is a proponent of negotiation.

"It all depends on your position with the company," he said. "You can say, 'I understand what you're doing. Let's sweeten it up and I'll take it.'"

But decisions on whether to take a buyout or what to do with a lump

sum distribution at normal retirement ultimately come down to dollars and cents.

"I THINK the real big issue is what are your future obligations and how close to meeting those obligations will the offer enable you to come," Lefko said.

Murphy described a four-step evaluation process:

- Analyze current savings and investments.
- Identify buyout/retirement payouts from company.
- Acquire estimates of current or future Social Security payouts.
- Estimate income needs after buyout or retirement.

"Now that you've got all that, try to put it all together in an organized fashion," Murphy said. "Determine how long it will last based on what I need and what I have."

Retirees generally need 60-80 percent of gross working pay to maintain a similar lifestyle, Murphy said. Actuarial studies indicate that women who reach the age of 65 probably will live to 88, while men who live to 65 probably will be around to 84, he added.

THAT MEANS inflation becomes a big part of the equation. Fixed income investments like certificates of deposit, are considered safe as to preservation of principal, but aren't the best inflation hedges. Especially in higher tax brackets.

"The Standard & Poor 500, including '87 and '29, (big stock market crashes), has returned 9.7 percent on average," Murphy said. So invest some of your lump sum distribution, 20-25 percent, in the market, he said.

"You're not looking at speculative growth, but blue chip, dividend payers, good quality stocks. Most big pension plans have 40-60 percent of their assets in the stock market. That's where pension checks are coming from," Murphy said.



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But before you decide to do with a lump sum distribution, know that there are different tax consequences depending on how you choose to account for the payout.

The bottom line is the earlier you start to plan for retirement, the more options you will have.

"Plan ahead," Brooks said. "Make

some realistic appraisals on inflation and real income so you don't build a castle on sand. And seek some very good professional advice in more than one location."

## Bankers want opportunities to expand product offerings

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

This final article in a series about banking in southeastern Michigan looks at the future of the industry.

If bankers here had their way, customers could come into their local branch and cash a payroll check, deposit money in a savings account, purchase various kinds of insurance, buy or sell stock and hire an agent to sell their house.

State and federal law now limits banks in Michigan to traditional kinds of services — conservative savings instruments, loans and checking accounts. Many of those restrictions resulted from the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed.

But times change, bankers say, and regulations should change to reflect the times. Personal finance has become more sophisticated, its elements more interconnected.

"I think consumers look at banks for more information," said Robert Heinrich, president of the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington, one of the smaller independent banks in metro Detroit. "The financial arena has become more complex. There's more affluence among the consumer base," Heinrich said.

"MANY BABY BOOMERS are in an age category now where they're beginning to accumulate wealth. The older population, statistics have shown more are living longer, are looking for places for help to generate income. Survey after survey shows people trust banks," Heinrich said.

Bruce Nyberg, a vice president and division head for retail deposit services at National Bank of Detroit, the area's largest in terms of assets, believes there's room for banks to expand their service offerings.

"We're talking about a couple of things — products to be offered and delivery of products," he said.

Banks, especially bigger operations, want to offer their customers one-stop shopping. They want the opportunity to make money directly on different kinds of sales commissions.

"The consumer says they'd like us to do more than we are," said Murray D. Lull, a spokesman for the

### EYE ON BANKS

American Bankers Association. "Competition would give consumers a pretty good deal on insurance and real estate."

Justin L. Moran, a consultant to the industry and spokesman for the Michigan Bankers Association, looked at the other side of the coin.

"Banks have to be allowed to become more profitable. To do things that don't take a lot of capital or risk, that involves selling things," he said.

U.S. Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, also recognizes a changing financial landscape. He has several questions, but not a lot of answers.

"How do you define what is a financial commercial center? What percentage is the traditional banking system of the whole? Where do we go?"

RIEGLER ISN'T so sure that letting banks expand their empires is a good idea. He made an analogy that General Motors, a world leader in manufacturing cars, still loses millions of dollars in off sales years.

"There's a notion that banks can jump into these areas where established players are losing a lot of money," Riegle said. "Whether banks can jump in and make a great killing is highly questionable."

Heinrich suspects that banks have been tarnished by problems experienced by savings and loans.

"Everyone, unfortunately, tends to lump everyone together," he said.

*'The financial arena has become more complex. There's more affluence among the consumer base.'*

— Robert Heinrich

"Are banks going to get into other areas? I think they will. I think it will be a much slower process than originally thought."

Banks will carve other niches, Nyberg agreed.

"We won't be manufacturing (products), but helping with delivery," he projected. "Insurance products make the most sense. I think it will happen eventually."

It probably will take some time, Moran speculated.

"We have the securities industry against it, the insurance industry, or at least insurance agents, against it and real estate agents against it," Moran said. "It's called turf. It's going to be bloody politics."

IN THE MEANTIME, consumers can look forward to telephonic and home banking.

"Convenience will be redefined," Nyberg said. "I think telephone banking will be more a wave of the future. They (consumers) can pay a (credit) charge, transfer accounts, check balances."

NBD customers with Automatic Teller Machine cards and push button phones can do that now, Nyberg said, adding, "A lot aren't comfortable doing it or haven't learned all the capabilities."

Heinrich elaborated on another trend that he sees coming out of all the publicity on financial institutions.

"Consumers will become more vigilant. People won't be as blasé about selecting a bank. Consumers will look at annual reports and numbers to see where to put their money."

"Banks who perform well will be in a better position to corner more of the market. There will be a premium on doing well, which is the way I think it should be."

"I think the trend is clearly away from . . . a lack of knowledge about what's going on in the industry," Heinrich said.



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# Suburban Life

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## Inspiration's found in nature

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

Gwen Frostic, who turns 85 this week, is known for her block prints featuring the flora and fauna of northern Michigan. She owns Presscraft Papers Inc., near Benzonia, Mich., in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"We make notebooks and paper, that sort of thing," she said. "Our aim is to bring you serenity. There's still serenity and you must keep islands of serenity around you when you need them."

Frostic came to Plymouth last week to speak at a luncheon at The Plymouth Manor. The Friday, April 19, luncheon was part of the spring statewide conference of the Michigan Chapter, Catholic Library Association.

Frostic told members and guests about the importance of creativity. "Creativity is the thing that sets

you free all the days of your life. Creativity is not just for the artist or the poet."

PEOPLE OFTEN tend to do things the same old way day after day. Sitting on the other side of the table to eat dinner can offer a new perspective, she said.

"Creativity starts with knowledge. You will never get an idea unless you have knowledge behind it." The purpose of libraries is to make such knowledge available, she said.

Frostic, who was born in Sandusky, Mich., and grew up in Wyandotte, knew a young man in high school who dropped out to study the violin. Her father was the local schools superintendent at that time, so Frostic couldn't drop out.

That young man knew the violin backward and forward. Even so, he never progressed from playing notes to playing music. His lack of

knowledge in other areas hindered his progress as a musician.

"Do your own thinking," she said. "It's what you think that is important." Clear speaking results from clear thinking, and half of the world's problems could be solved if people simply said what they meant.

It's essential to dream a bit and to set daily goals.

"Do not dream the impossible dream because that's what it is, impossible." Setting and reaching daily goals is the key.

"Then you put it all together with action. Dreams without work are fantasy. Work without dreams is drudgery."

SHE TOLD a story of a boy taking a test prior to starting kindergarten. He was asked what you get when ice melts. "Springtime" was his prompt answer.

"Springtime in that case was much prettier than water. No matter what it is you're doing, there is always more than one way. So seek it and you will be a happier person."

Change is a constant reality, she said.

"Time is forever on the side of those who know how to use it." It's important to take stock of use of time.

"I don't have the faintest idea of how long it takes me to cut a block." She does a little work here and there.

There are some good programs on television, but watching too much isn't a good thing. The TV's off button should get some use.

"If you push that button, you'll be surprised how much time you have."

Maintaining a sense of humor is important. The therapeutic value of laughter's been well-established, she said.



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Gwen Frostic pauses for a moment before blowing out the candles on her birthday cake, while Sister Beth Wood watches.

Frostic still enjoys reading the funny pages, but knows it isn't just what's printed that makes her laugh.

"It's half what you bring to it." EVERYONE NEEDS a tree to look up to, she said. "It's your tree. Don't share it with anybody. Keep the magic in your own heart, but have your tree."

Sometimes, a tree is hit by lightning but continues to grow. Each day, it's important to reach out a little further and learn something new.

"The very essence of your being should be growth. The human mind can soar. The soaring need not end at any time or place."

Frostic brought along samples of her work. She writes poetry and creates block prints for notepaper,

stationery and books, using her own drawings.

Her background includes teaching art at a school in Dearborn. As a young woman, Frostic studied at what is now Eastern Michigan University and at Western Michigan University.

She was at one time owner of Metalcraft in Wyandotte, where she taught and made art pieces in copper. She also worked as a tool designer for the Ford Motor Co. She's been president of Presscraft Papers since the mid-1950s.

Frostic is still going strong at 85, although she joked about her age during her visit last week to Plymouth. "I've already quit buying green bananas."

A birthday cake complete with candles was brought out during the

luncheon, and those attending sang "Happy Birthday" to the guest of honor. Conference organizers were grateful to have such a distinguished speaker.

"We're very pleased," said Rosemarie Shilcusk, new president of the chapter and a librarian at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth. Just over 100 members and guests came to the luncheon.

"It's a very exciting experience," Shilcusk said.

The luncheon also included the awarding of the association's St. Jerome Award to the Rev. Richard Twohig, principal of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. The award was given in recognition of his support of efforts to expand and enhance the school library.



Rosemarie Shilcusk, librarian at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, shares a laugh with the guest of honor, artist and poet Gwen Frostic.

## Spelling isn't kid stuff for hard-working teammates

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

Not all of the Plymouth-Canton community's top spellers are in the under-20 crowd.

That was plain to see last week during the spelling bee sponsored by the Canton Rotary Literacy Committee. A total of 13 three-member teams competed in the fund-raising event, held the evening of Tuesday, April 16, in the Little Theatre of Plymouth Canton High School in Canton.

Participants demonstrated that good spelling isn't just kid stuff. The winning team, the Spell Chicks from Starkweather Center in Plymouth, faced some tough competition.

As the words got more difficult, more teams were eliminated until only the Spell Chicks and the Dictionary Dollies, sponsored by East Middle School, remained.

"Fubby," meaning fat and squat or plump, was the word that caused some trouble for the Dictionary Dollies. The Spell Chicks — Janie

Clemons, Connie Kish and Lois Moyer — were able to spell it correctly and then spelled "ambrosia" to win.

CLEMONS, WHO teaches English as a second language in Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, wasn't nervous during the spelling bee.

"No, it was just fun," she said. "Actually, the whole thing was kind of done in jest."

Proceeds will support the work of the Community Literacy Council, an organization of volunteers who help adults improve their reading skills. The council recruits and trains tutors who work one-on-one with adult students.

Area businesses, schools and organizations sponsored teams. Judge James Garber of the 35th District Court, Creon Smith of the Mayflower Hotel and state Rep. James Kosteva (D-Canton) were the judges.

Pronouncers were David Snyder, director of the WSDP radio station at Centennial Educational Park, and Carl Cederberg of WAAM, a radio station in Ann Arbor. They started out with relatively easy words such as "taunt," "sneer," "dawdle," "akimbo," "almanac" and "lecturer."

Later, more difficult words were used, including "mediocre," "contraband," "interminable," "efface," "eradicate" and "exterminator."

The spellers knew their stuff, and only three teams had been eliminated 45 minutes into the spelling bee. Words such as "bovine," "bombardier," "grandiose," "laicize," "artifice" and "penurious" kept the remaining spellers on their toes.

TOWARD THE end, words such as "abysmal," "obsequious," "admonitory," "lichen," "calisthenics," "soliloquy" and "arenaceous" were on the list.

Participants had word lists to study prior to the spelling bee, although they didn't get the final round words in advance. They were able to ask the pronouncers for a definition or for use of the word in a sentence.

Competition continued until only the two teams remained. The runner-up team from East Middle School in Plymouth included Nancy Spencer, Denise Gerisch and Karen Massey.

Connie Kish of the Spell Chicks wasn't nervous until the last word, "fubby," was given.

"All I could think of, it must spell like it sounds," said Kish, who teaches science, English and math at Starkweather and at the Learning Center in the Ford Motor Co. Sheldon Road plant.

She hadn't heard of "fubby," but Kish and her teammates were able to spell it correctly.

Team member Moyer teaches



The Spell Chicks concentrate on the correct spelling of a word. Team members are Norm Ruehr, Tivadar Balogh and L. John Miller.

**"If we don't continue this kind of stuff, I think literacy's going to fall by the wayside."**

— John Schwartz

English at Starkweather, including a spelling class. Moyer, a Plymouth resident, wasn't too nervous.

"At one point on 'cannibalism,' I lost my place. But that was it," she said. "A nice friendly crowd. You couldn't be too intimidated."

KISH, MOYER and Clemons got some help preparing for the spelling bee.

"We all studied with our children," said Clemons, a Plymouth resident. "So it was a nice family project. It also shows the kids that it's never too late to learn and hone your skills."

Even in this day of sophisticated computer programs, spelling skills remain important, the women agreed.

"It's so easy just to check the spelling with a button," said Kish, a Canton resident. Computers aren't always available, however, and aren't perfect spellers.

"I think it gives us a sense of confidence in our writing," Moyer said of spelling ability.

The Spell Chicks received a trophy and plan to display it at Starkweather, the site of a number of Plymouth-Canton Community Education classes. Organizers hope to make the

spelling bee an annual project.

"We'll try to build it up," said John Schwartz of Canton, chairman of the Canton Rotary Literacy Committee. This was the first year for the event.

In addition to raising money, such events help to make people aware of the importance of literacy, Schwartz said.

"If we don't continue this kind of stuff, I think literacy's going to fall by the wayside," Schwartz, who owned and operated a greenhouse business for years, knows how vital communication skills are in the workplace.

"This is the ultimate thing. You've got to have that to be in business," said Schwartz, now the building manager for the Canton Public Library. "Business is very tough, very competitive."

He and other members of the Canton Rotary Literacy Committee said they are impressed with the quality of help offered to students at Starkweather.

"They're just doing an excellent job. Our job is to get the people to them," he said.

For information on the Community Literacy Council, call Carolyn Burns at 451-6555.



Judge James Garber checks the correct spelling of a word.



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The Spell Chicks are thrilled with their victory. Team members are (from left) Connie Kish, Lois Moyer and Janie Clemons.

## weddings and engagements

### McAuliffe-Wilson

Barbara Wilson and Chris McAuliffe were married Aug. 11 at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. The Rev. Kenneth Gruebel performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Donn and Joan Wilson of Darien, Ill., formerly of Plymouth, and Michael and Barbara McAuliffe of Albion, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and of Siena Heights College. She is employed as a software engineer for Chrysler Corp. at the Jeep and Truck engineering division in Detroit.

Her husband is a graduate of Spring Arbor College. He is employed as a community treatment worker for the Starr Commonwealth Detroit campus.

Sister of the bride Beth Wilson was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mary Stahl, Cristal Underwood, Amy Miller, Donna Wallace and Patricia Hickey.

Scott Stahl was the best man. The groomsmen were Derrick Crum,



Dan Eagen, Brian Pierce, Brent Williams and Jim Kronk. Ushers were brother of the bride Ken Wilson and Matt Potter. Brother of the bride Jeff Wilson provided music for the ceremony.

A reception was held at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Following a wedding trip to the Caribbean, the newlyweds are making their home in Southfield.

### Gregor-Workman

Nancy L. Workman of Plymouth and Mark T. Gregor of Canton were married Feb. 9 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. The Rev. Richard Perfetto performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Tom and Mary Jo Workman of Plymouth and Norman and Marilyn Gregor of Howell, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Ferris State University. She is employed with the Wayne County Health Department.

Her husband is a graduate of Garden City East High School and of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and also is a coach for girls track and for football.

Maureen Montmorency was the maid of honor. The bride's attendants were Jeanie Brower, Diane Donhost, Linda Gyorke, Nancy Gregor and Noreen Gregor.

Brother of the bride David Workman was the best man. The bridegroom's attendants were Tom Gar-



rett, brother of the bride Gary Workman, brother of the bridegroom Phil Gregor and Brian Belcher. John Walker was the ringbearer.

For her wedding, the bride wore a white satin dress with a complete lace overlay. She carried an arrangement of lilies and bridal roses.

A reception was at the Plymouth Manor.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica and Montego Bay, the newlyweds are making their home in Plymouth.

### Rust-Shepler

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald K. Rust of Spring Lake, Mich., formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Geraldine Annette, to Donald A. Shepler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shepler of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a student at Oakland Community College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the National Institute of Technology.

A late September wedding is planned by the Plymouth couple.



### Shaffer-Ochal

Randalin Shaffer and Sgt. Edward Ochal have announced their engagement.

Ochal has been employed with the city of Plymouth Police Department since 1973. His fiancée is employed with the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An early June wedding is planned at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth, followed by a reception at Ernesto's of Plymouth. They will make their home in Plymouth.



### Zang-Finlay

Elden and Carole Zang of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Lynn Zang, to Patrick J. Finlay, son of Robert and Roxie Finlay of Shelby Township.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She will graduate in May from Ferris State University with a degree in public relations.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eisenhower High School and of Ferris State University where he earned a degree in plastics engineering. He is



employed by Johnson Controls in Lenexia, Kan.

A November wedding is planned.

### Tannery-Liddell

Reinhart and JoAnne Tannery of Greenville, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann Tannery of Whitmore Lake, to Christopher William Liddell of Canton, son of William and Catherine Liddell of Canton, formerly of Westland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Brighton High School and of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. She is employed at New Medico Rehabilitation in Howell.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is em-



ployed as an electrician.

An early October wedding is planned at St. Patrick's in Brighton.

### Knapp-Jones

Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Brian William Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jones of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by the Michigan House of Representatives in Lansing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Playmaker's in Okemos.

A late August wedding is planned at Dusty's English Inn in Eaton Rapids.



### Hatfield-Symons

Milton and Joan Hatfield of Tampa, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn Hatfield of Canton to Michael Carl Symons of Northville, son of Lawrence and Wanda Symons of Gaines, Mich.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is employed as a corporate recruiter at Geometric Results Inc. in Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering. He is employed as an engineer with the General Motors Corp. in Madison Heights.



A late September wedding is planned at the Presbyterian Church in Northville.

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# Trail walks reveal beauty of outdoors



Dutchman's breeches and other wildflowers grow in Miller Woods.

Staff photos by Bill Bresler

If the trees in Miller Woods could talk, they'd have some fascinating stories to tell. Some of the larger trees at the Plymouth Township site are believed to predate settlers from Europe.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district owns the property, on the north side of Powell, east of Ridge in western Plymouth Township. Hard-working members of the Friends of Miller Woods help to maintain the site and share their knowledge of it with others.

"Spring is an especially marvelous time for a climax forest," said Beverly McAninch, Friends president. She and other volunteers are looking forward to the annual spring walks.

Walks, offered free of charge, will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, May 5. Participants will learn about the history, wildlife, trees and wildflowers of Miller Woods.

"We do this because we want everyone to know about Miller Woods," McAninch said.

SUCH KNOWLEDGE is particularly important as the surrounding area is developed and few wooded areas remain.

"Kids love that place, they really

do," she said. Visiting helps youngsters learn about the importance of preservation.

"They'll understand better why we preserve it," McAninch said.

The wooded area includes about 10 acres, and is surrounded by additional land also owned by the school district. Maples, beeches and oak trees grow there, along with wildflowers and shrubs.

Deer aren't seen in Miller Woods any more, although smaller animals still call the site home, McAninch said. Volunteers for the most part leave things in their natural state, only removing fallen trees when the situation becomes dangerous.

"Things just rot away and enrich the soil," she said.

The spring walks help participants learn about nature, but that isn't the only time learning goes on at Miller Woods. School and Scout groups and others of all ages visit the woods throughout the year. Botany students from the University of Michigan also visit.

"It's an outdoor laboratory to teach us of our heritage," said Emily Kennitz, education chairwoman for the Friends of Miller Woods. "We see that as a very important mission. Preservation is something we have to understand."

KEMNITZ AND other volunteers get a great deal out of their involvement. She recently took a second grade class through and enjoyed answering their questions.

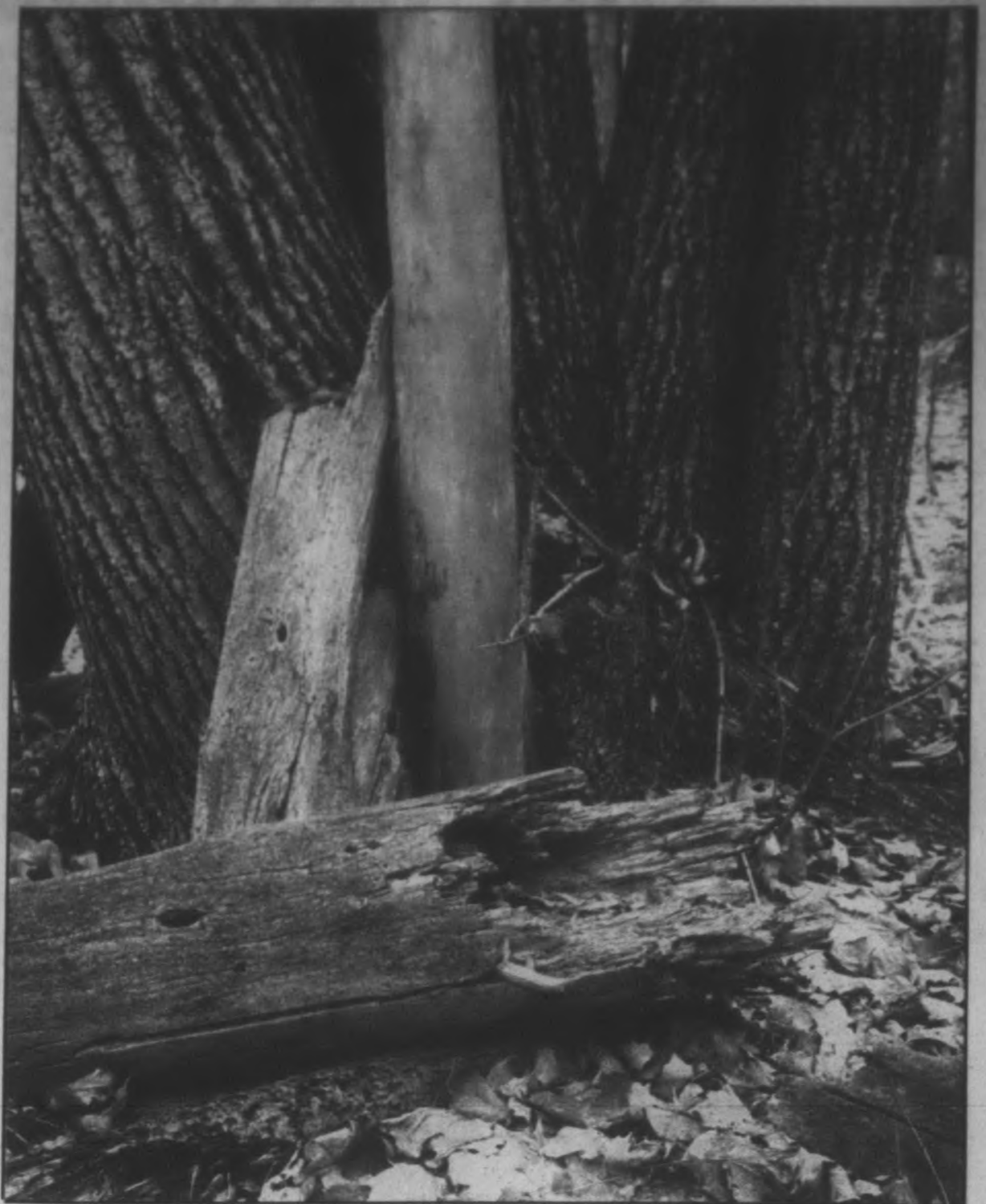
"There's always more to learn," Kennitz said. "I love to pass it on."

Friends members hope to proceed with their plans to have a fence put in around Miller Woods. Bikes and motorized vehicles aren't allowed on the trails.

"All through the years, there's been some low-level vandalism," McAninch said. Recently, some trees in Miller Woods were cut down and a wooden sign done as an Eagle Scout project was taken. Friends members hope to eliminate those problems and to keep people from dumping old appliances and other trash at the site.

"People do these things when no one's looking. We feel it's more necessary than ever," Kennitz said.

She and others are hoping for a good turnout for the upcoming



Fallen timber isn't cleared. Instead, it will decompose and enrich the soil.

spring walks. The walks have been popular in previous years.

"It really varies with the weather, of course. Each year, it's a little more," Kennitz said. "Lots of families come out. It's a way of publicizing the area and letting people know about it, sharing the pleasures of it certainly."

Contributions are tax-deductible and should be made payable to

the Educational Excellence Foundation, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Membership in the Friends of Miller Woods is open to those interested in learning about nature. Applications should be mailed to: Friends of Miller Woods, P.O. Box 5536, Plymouth, 48170. Individual/Jack-in-the-Pulpit membership is \$10, Patron/Trillium membership \$25, organizational membership \$100.

**"We do this because we want everyone to know about Miller Woods."**

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# Praise

## Young performers find a way to share good news

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

**F**OR MEMBERS of The Way, performing contemporary Christian music is a way to have fun while sending a powerful message.

The musical group at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth was formed about five years ago. Its members are local middle school and high school students.

"We do our own songs," said Heather Berlin, 18, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School.

She sings, writes songs and plays the piano, and has performed with The Way for about four years.

She got involved "because I'm a music person so I was looking for a band. This is a good experience. I've been performing forever, since I've been able to stand."

"It's not just a band. It's like a family," said Berlin, a Plymouth resident. "We try to help each other."

Lance Loiselle, 18, has been involved with The Way since its beginning.

LOISELLE, A Salem senior and

Plymouth resident, plays the piano, writes music and helps run rehearsals. Performing gives him a sense of spiritual satisfaction.

"It gives me a good feeling about helping people," said Loiselle, whose twin brother, Jason, also performs with The Way. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

The musicians gathered on a recent Wednesday evening to rehearse for an upcoming performance at the church. They perform during some Sunday morning worship services and at other churches and community gatherings.

Dale Hoard of Plymouth Township has been director of The Way for a little more than a year. Hoard, who works for Michigan Bell in in-house maintenance, plays the guitar and sings with the group.

"I try to leave everything up to them for the most part," said Hoard, who worships at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Several high school seniors who will graduate this year form a core group to keep things running smoothly. The group's size varies from week to week, Hoard said, ranging from 8 on up to about 28.

**PARTICIPATING HELPS** to keep Hoard, 38, active musically. He and his wife have three children ages 5, 3 and 1, so he doesn't have a lot of experience working with teenagers. He occasionally needs to ask students to stop talking during rehearsals, but still enjoys being involved.

"They keep my faith going. They keep me younger."

The musicians perform some original music and present music done by other contemporary Christian artists. They've recorded several tapes and plan to start work on another recording soon.

**MUSICIANS FIND** performances are a good way to share the message of God's love. They recently performed at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and have presented their music at various community gatherings.

"We love doing it," Berlin said.

"We look for opportunities."

Some intend to pursue careers in music. Berlin plans to attend Albion College, most likely as a voice major.

Lance Loiselle plans to study music at Eastern Michigan University and to continue his involvement in music ministry at the Plymouth church. He and the others have found that involvement in The Way provides fun and friendship, along with opportunities to grow musically.

"The best friends in my life (are) here," Loiselle said.

JAY AHO, 17, has been involved in The Way since its early days. He played the keyboard and trumpet in the past and now does mostly vocals.

"Mainly, I like the performing part of it," said Aho, a junior at Salem and a Plymouth resident.

He's considering a career in broadcasting.

Aho's older brother, John, and some of his friends were instrumental in getting the group started. The Way, made up primarily of students who worship at the Methodist church in Plymouth Town-



Members of The Way rehearse in the sanctuary at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

photos by SHERRIE BUZZBY/staff photographer

ship, has been going strong ever since.

**CONTEMPORARY MUSIC** helps to hold the interest of younger worshippers who may not care for "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and other traditional hymns, members agree.

"There's a lot of really good contemporary Christian music," Hoard said.

Some older church members found that The Way's musical style took a little getting used to, he said.

"We have slowly turned them toward us."

Musicians changed their performing style a bit and aren't quite as rebellious as they once were.

"We're a little bit rebellious at heart," he said with a smile.



Lance Loiselle (left) and Jay Aho do some singing during a rehearsal session at the church.



Dale Hoard (left) and bass player Ryan Groat prepare for a performance of The Way.

## Elitism is a byproduct of schools of choice concept

Schools of choice seem to be the people's new choice for education. The list of those who have expressed their support for this proposal suggested by both the new superintendent of schools for Detroit and the president of the United States is surely a prestigious one.

The dream held out for schools of choice is that the learning process will become so engaging and successful that students will then succeed where now they have failed. The goal presented for schools of choice is that accomplishment of education that has thus far eluded us.

Who could possibly argue with the hopes and dreams for schools of choice? I cannot imagine a single

### moral perspectives

**Rev. Lloyd Buss**

person in this country who would want the learning process to be less than engaging and successful in that growth to maturity. No one objects to what we want to have happen in the classrooms of our land.

NOT ALL, however, would agree with the technique chosen to accom-

plish these noble ends. Their number does not yet match that of those who have supported the idea, but the schools of choice proposal is meeting increasing critique. And rightly so.

The primary use of competition to develop priority schools of choice is also its greatest flaw. Competition immediately establishes two categories — those who succeed and those who do not. Once that principle has been placed in operation, the rest is simply a numbers game.

Each school will either succeed or fail, and the number in each category will depend on the criteria used for competition.

**THE AUTOMOTIVE** industry, just to mention one, has asked for greater governmental intervention to restrict foreign imports. Competition in the automotive industry has created its successes and failures, and some are not pleased with the results. Apparently, competition has to be checked if the wrong side is winning.

To build a school system on the model of a market economy is also to create a product that will depend on the practice of marketing just as much as it depends on its production.

This can be equally as disastrous as raw competition. Marketing seldom focuses on the public good. Marketing by nature focuses on selling a private good to the public.

**SCHOOLS OF choice** create an elitism that we cannot afford. In a nation that has already been divided by economics and tribe, the deliberate and intentional division between schools that succeed and schools that fail is to turn the experience of learning into a callous and prejudiced process.

Our schools surely need to be improved. We know their failures and their shortcomings only too well.

But to establish, carefully and precisely, criteria that will guarantee some to succeed and some to fail is to destroy the very hope that can create the vision for success. The proposal for schools of choice is already a sign of how far we have proceeded in that direction.

The Rev. Lloyd D. Buss is pastor of the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills.

## church bulletin

Items for the church bulletin should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

### ANNIVERSARY

Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford, will continue its 50th anniversary celebration with the Rev. Dr. Guido Merckens, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas, speaking at 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, April 28. Music will be by the Grace Church choir, as well as the brass choir, under the direction of Mary Prokopy, director of music.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5, the church will sponsor a celebration banquet at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The Rev. Dr. Ralph Bohlmann, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will speak. The Rev. Victor Halboth, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, will preach at both Sunday worship services on "50 Years of Practicing and Proclaiming Love."

The first worship service of Grace Church was conducted Sunday, Dec. 1, 1940, in the Burgess School in Redford with 10 people attending. The church has grown to 2,000 members.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Reed Harris will give a lecture on "In God We Trust" 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Harris is a Christian Science lecturer, a former computer industry executive and a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. His lecture is sponsored by the Plymouth church.

### MUSICAL DRAMA

Westland Free Methodist Choir and Drama group will present "How Great Thou Art," a spring musical drama, 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 28, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. The public can attend and admission is free. For information, call 728-2600.

### CAREGIVING

The "Living With Death Issues" series will start with the topic "Caregiving for the Dying" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at St. Genevieve Parish, 29015 Jamison, Livonia. The program will be presented by Mary MacGregor, director of public relations and marketing at Angela Hospice. For information, call 261-5920.

### FRIENDSHIP TIME

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, will have get-acquainted receptions following 8:30 and 11 a.m.

services Sunday, April 28. Special topics in adult Bible class 9:45 a.m. will deal with building relationships. For information, call 522-6830.

### RETHINKING MARRIAGE

The seminar "Rethinking Marriage When Thinking Remarriage," sponsored by the Church Life Committee of Ward Presbyterian Church, will take place 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 27, at the church, 17000 Farmington, at Six Mile in Livonia. Pre-registration is necessary. Donation is \$10 for materials. For information, call 422-1826.

### SPRING CONCERT

St. Valentine Church Choir will present its annual spring concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the church, Beech Daly between Five Mile and Schoolcraft. The choir will perform a variety of arrangements, including several of Mozart's works. Kevin Cushman, minister of music and choir director, will conduct the performance and will be accompanied by pianist Dennis Penney. The public can attend.

### AMBASSADORS

The Ambassadors of Village Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, will attend the Southfield Ice Show 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27. They will go to Tel-Twelve Mall after the program for refreshments at MCL Cafeteria. For information, call 534-7730.

### FAMILY WEEK

Families will be spotlighted April 21-28 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. An all-church family seminar will be 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25. Bill Greenman, a Christian psychologist, will discuss "Family Fantasies or Fantasy Families?"

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, Ward Ministries for Young Adults will sponsor a program for young single or married adults, "Keeping God in the Center of Your Relationships." At 8 a.m. Sunday, April 28, the Rev. John Crimmins will discuss the topic "Honest Imitation" at the worship service. The Rev. Bartlett Hess, senior pastor, will present the message, "Will the Family Survive?," at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. services. The evening worship service will start 7 p.m. The Ward Kid's Choir will present a musical. For information, call 422-1150.

### BIBLE STUDY

The Book of James will be the Bible study topic at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, west of Lilley in Canton. Sessions will be 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and will be led by the Rev. Roger Aumann. For information, call 981-0286.

The church is also accepting students for its preschool co-op for the fall. Classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. For registration information, call 981-0286 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### RECRUITMENT DAY

The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit will have a recruitment day 1-4 p.m. Friday, April 26, for prospective teachers in the second floor ballroom of the Student Union Building of the University of Detroit Mercy-Livernois campus. "Discover Catholic Schools" will be the theme and Sister Maureen Fay, president of U-D-Mercy, will give the keynote address. School principals and administrators from approximately 30 schools also will be on hand. For information, call Mercedes Fitzsimmons, 237-5925.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship in Action of Holy Trinity Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27, at the church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call 525-7160.

### WORKSHOP

St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia, will host a workshop for those who are job-hunting. Dr. Kenneth Woodside of Wright and Associates, an outplacement firm in Southfield, will lead the seminar. Dates for the free sessions are 7-9 p.m. Sundays, April 28 and May 5. To register, call 422-6038. Church leaders hope to form a support group for job-hunters. Those interested should send their name, address and phone number to St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia 48152.

### GULF WAR

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will speak 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the Newman House, 17500 Haggerty, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Gumbleton will discuss "The Persian Gulf: Just War, Just Peace?" Admission is free. For information, call 534-7668.

### OLD TESTAMENT

A "Walk Through the Old Testament" seminar will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. Participants will learn about the Bible's history, geography and life-changing applications. The public may attend the seminar, designed for youths and adults. To register, call Linda Holtsberry, 453-5280.

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Ribbon winners at the show included (from left): Andrea Rowley; Heather Smith; and

## Students have green thumbs

Andrea Rowley, Heather Smith and Jackie Kurzeja know a thing or two about taking care of plants.

They were among ribbon winners at the recent Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show. The three are students in Sally DeRoo's environmental science class at Centennial Educational Park in Canton.

Rowley, 15, a sophomore at Plymouth Canton High School, won a first-place ribbon for her grapevine ivy.

"I was happy," Rowley said. "I didn't think I was going to get first."

Smith, 19, a senior at Canton, won a second-place ribbon. Kurzeja, 16, a junior at Plymouth Salem High School, won a third-place ribbon at the show.

"I was mainly happy for my friends," Kurzeja said.

THEY STARTED the environmental science class in January and have been taking care of the plants at Centennial Educational Park for a couple of months. They've learned a lot about plant care from class speakers and their teacher.

"You've got to cut the dead leaves off, water it, spray the leaves," Rowley said. Kurzeja

learned about the importance of keeping plants bug-free and adequately watered.

"I learned how to keep them alive in my house and which ones you can put in certain windows," Smith said. She cares for one plant at home that has to be drenched and then allowed to dry completely.

The young women have considered pursuing careers in botany or landscaping.

"I kind of like taking care of plants," Rowley said.

Two other students in the envi-

ronmental science class — David Bishop, 17, a Canton senior, and Garrett Bida, 17, a Canton junior — also entered plants in the show. The annual flower and garden show is a fund-raising project for the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

The CEP students have learned a lot about what goes into keeping plants healthy and growing. Do they have any advice for others whose thumbs aren't green?

"Do a lot of research," Smith said. "That's what we did."



Andrea Rowley sprays a plant.

## new voices

Tony and Jaclyn Dilmore of Canton announce the birth of a daughter, Alexandra Sophia-Torossian Dilmore, April 3 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Patrick and Rose Torossian of Plymouth and Alma Dilmore of Morton, Miss. Alexandra has a sister, Victoria, 2½.

Richard and Tammy Gibson of Canton announce the birth of twins, son Aaron Richard and daughter Ashley Renee, April 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Raymon and Sandra Combs of Plymouth, Virginia Gibson of Plymouth and Mr. and

Mrs. Earnest Gibson of Young Harris, Ga.

Fraser and Vera Mitchell of Plymouth announce the birth of a daughter, Leanne Marie, April 10, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Leanne Marie has a brother, Kyle, 2½.

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## Lansing in limbo

### Views mixed on cutting state arts subsidies

□ **DIA's future uncertain, 4D**

By **Ralph R. Echtenaw**  
staff writer

Most state lawmakers from the Observer & Eccentric area say Michigan should reduce its arts subsidies. But they differ in the support they give Gov. John Engler's plan to virtually eliminate them entirely.

Engler has suggested that the Michigan Council for the Arts be stripped of the \$9 million it passes

out annually to local arts programs around the state.

The Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills was supposed to get \$232,200 from the arts council this fiscal year, but received just \$66,000 before Engler froze all council grants in January.

President Roy Slade said the Academy's museum and school will not be affected if Engler succeeds in wiping out future arts council grants, but outreach programs such as artwork tours and lectures will be curtailed.

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### Art Attack next Wednesday

Arts supporters will stage an Art Attack Wednesday, May 1, in Lansing to protest Gov. John Engler's proposed arts subsidy cuts.

The rally will begin at 10 a.m. on the Capitol grounds with an update on the budget proposal. The Detroit Henry Ford High School marching band perform near the capital building as artists exhibit their work.

At 11 a.m. rally on the Capitol

steps, some legislators will speak. A brown bag lunch on the lawn will follow.

After 12:30 p.m., participants are urged to meet with their legislators.

The event is sponsored by Michigan Advocates for the Arts and supported by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. For details, call the Michigan Advocates for the Arts at 961-1776.



Rep. Lyn Bankes  
tighten arts spending



Sen. Jack Faxon  
maintain arts subsidies

## The roundhouse: It fulfills dream of unique house

By **Janice Tiger-Kramer**  
special writer

WHEN BOB and Corrine Dean had the basement dug for their home on Westland's north side, the local kids cheered — they thought it was a neighborhood swimming pool.

From then on, few people passed the circular-styled house on Parkgrove (which actually has 14 sides) without commenting on its unique design.

The Deans, who three years ago moved into what neighbors call the roundhouse, always preferred out-of-the-ordinary or state-of-the-art cars and vans.

So, when they saw the two-story, circular house designed by Eagle's Nest Inc. while vacationing in North Carolina, they were determined to build one in the Detroit area.

"We knew if we were ever going to build, we wanted a house that would catch the eye," Corrine said.

Though Bob and Corrine generally enjoy the attention paid to their "roundhouse," they recently put it on the real estate market and have already bought their retirement house, this time a conventional ranch-style house, in Ohio.

Bob, a physics teacher at Livonia's Stevenson High School, and Bill Hosman, a friend and Livonia teacher, built the Eagle's Nest House in 1988 as a test project.

The two men, both licensed builders, were near retirement and wondered if there was a market in the Detroit suburban area for circular homes. If so, they wanted to build them.

THE DEANS, who'd just sold their tri-level house in Livonia, liked the Eagle's Nest House so much, they decided to move in. Bob, who appreciates the quality and adaptability of the design, is a company rep for Eagle's Nest Inc. and sells the house plan for the North Carolina firm.

Though the Deans admit the house, priced at \$149,900, requires a special buyer, they think its versatility is a strong selling point. Since the house has no interior load

*"We knew if we're ever going to build, we wanted a house that would catch the eye."*

— Corrine Dean  
homeowner

bearing walls, a new owner could add a fourth bedroom or alter the size and shape of existing rooms.

In place of structural walls, the Eagle's Nest House includes one steel post, concealed in a closet, from the basement to the second floor. Floor joists forming a "wheel" extend from the post to support the upper level.

Foundation walls are 10 inches thick (about two inches thicker than the foundation of a traditional house) to add additional support to the second floor and roof.

Besides a versatile floor plan, the 2,036-square-foot house, in the Livonia school district, offers spectacular views of the large, corner lot from a wrap-around deck on the second level.

THE FIRST floor includes a great room, a large kitchen, plus a master suite with adjoining bath. A circular, steel staircase leads to the second floor, which the Deans use for a family room and office. The spacious room, with a modified cathedral ceiling, leads to two bedrooms and a bath.

Though the house is built of 14 sides, or panels, the angles are hardly visible inside. Interior walls are constructed to form a cove, giving the inside a rounded look.

"The round interior makes the house feel very open, very spacious," Bob said. "You'd never know there are 14 individual sides."

Because there are no right angled walls or other "nooks and crannies" to trap air, the house has greater air circulation and lower fuel bills than a traditionally styled house; this also results in more useable living space.

The roof, too, has 14 sides topped

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Bob and Corrine Dean's Eagle's Nest House includes 14 sides and a dome-style roof topped with a cupola. The Deans built the house of Douglas Fir with cedar-trim.



Left: The Eagle's Nest House is made of 14 individual sides, or panels. Each panel is drywalled together to form a cove, giving the interior a round feeling. Elimination of angled walls results in greater air circulation and more useable living space.

Staff photos  
by  
**Art Emanuele**

## Pasadena Park a treasure; historical panel on target

SCANNING the artscape:

• It's one of the few remaining examples of the semirural areas that once dotted Farmington Township.

With model homes springing from the former Samuel Locke farm during the Roaring Twenties, it's fitting a historic marker will soon mark the "Y" on Hollyhill in Pasadena Park subdivision, just south of the Farmington Hills City Hall.

"The first homes in this lovely subdivision were built in 1926, when suburban living came to Oakland County," the marker will read, following Farmington Hills Historical Commission approval April 10.

The lures of suburbia were well-rooted even then. Boasts a late-1920s flier from the developer, James F. Cain Building

Co. of Detroit: "The lots are really small estates, plenty large enough for an abundance of shrubs, flower beds and a beautiful lawn."

Adds another: "We're just a little more than two years old, yet valuations have more than doubled and are sure to double again."

Early Pasadena Park offered country living with family-oriented city conveniences: gravel subdivision roads, electricity, mature trees, in-door plumbing, songbirds, sidewalks, pheasants, even "artistic street signs," whatever that meant.

Nearby were stores, churches, schools, golf courses and scores of inland lakes for water sports.

"The Detroit Urban Railway, an electric rapid transit system, was just blocks away on Orchard Lake Road (which was paved), with con-



**Bob Sklar**

nections to Pontiac, Ann Arbor and Detroit," the historic marker will tell us.

Development in Pasadena Park ground to a halt during the Great Depression. But it resumed after World War II.

• It's a key step to designating a historic district and framing a preservation ordinance. Plymouth's new historic district study committee has decided to catalog all homes more than 50 years old.

The intent is to retain original architectural styles during home improvement projects. The hope is not only to help preserve a historic home's architecture, but also help boost its value.

Remember: A strong historic district typically spills over and helps strengthen nearby commercial districts.

As committee chairman Mark Oppat told the Observer: "I think the biggest thing is it helps to preserve the heritage of our community."

The study panel will take up to three years to catalog homes and draft an ordinance. The 166-year-old city boasts such diverse architectural styles as Greek Revival, Italianate and Victorian.

A historical preservation ordinance is not an easy sell to affected

property owners. It not only must allay fears, but also justify benefits.

Doubters may see strict architectural guidelines depressing property values. But studies show such values tend to stabilize, then rise in historic districts, said Bob Donohue, city planning consultant.

An ordinance that's more than advisory doesn't prevent exterior building changes. But it does limit them. For example, it permits building additions but not alterations that change the view from the street.

Voluntary ordinance compliance seems the right way to go at first. Mandating home improvement restrictions is no way to build good will.

But I reiterate: Eventually, ordinance enforcement (while allowing for city-approved variances) is the

only way to assure that Plymouth's historic structures aren't architecturally raped.

• Sweet smells of success are wafting from the Livonia Historical Society's ambitious fund-raising drive to equip Greenmead Historical Village with at least two authentic vintage outhouses.

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# Document valuables in pictures

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There's a very simple way to make strong and effective photographs of objects such as sculptures, vases and figurines. These pictures can be used for documentation for insurance purposes or to satisfy your artistic pursuits.

To begin with, let's talk backgrounds. As I've discussed in the past, a background can make or break a photograph. So keep it simple. A plain piece of posterboard or mat board in any color you desire is all you'll need. Place a card table or kitchen table against the wall and tape (masking tape works best) the posterboard both to the wall and the table colored to obtain a plain, solid colored background.

Place the object to be photographed on the posterboard and set up your camera. You'll need a tripod and cable release to keep things steady. Remember to move in close and fill the frame with the subject. If what you're photographing is small, you'll probably need supplemental close-up filters or a macro lens to allow you to get in tight.

USE A small aperture such as the f-11 or f-16 to provide enough depth-of-field so the entire subject will be sharp in the finished print or slide. Remember that shutter speed is irrelevant with a tripod and non-moving object.



photography

Monte Nagler

What's the best film choice? Use slow to medium speed film in either color print, color slide or black and white. Just keep in mind that with color films you must match the film with the lighting. For example, I prefer using tungsten lights so therefore I make sure to use the tungsten balanced film.

If using flash, you must use daylight balanced film. Or when using natural window light, you again use daylight film.

With black and white film, any light source will work well. Your local photo dealer will be happy to help you with film and light selections. Whatever you choose, photographing objects around your home is fun and easy. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the results.

Monte Nagler is a professional photographer based in Farmington Hills. His column runs the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.



Monte Nagler used two tungsten lights and a plain white background to photograph this bronze by local sculptor Sharon Sommers.

## On tap— apprentice auditions

The Michigan Opera Theatre has scheduled vocal auditions for the 1991-92 Young Artist Apprentice Program on Thursday and Friday, May 9-10.

Two apprenticeships will be awarded, each lasting 8-12 weeks. Winners will be considered for programs beginning in September and April 1992.

The apprentice program offers a wide range of performance opportunities throughout the mainstage season. Apprentices perform comprimario roles, cover major roles and participate in the chorus of mainstage productions.

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## MOT to stage Mozart's 'The Magic Flute'

The culmination of "Mozart Magic in Motor City" comes April 27, May 1, 3 and 4 with Michigan Opera Theatre's production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" (Die Zauberflöte) at the Detroit Masonic Temple Theatre.

Presented in honor of the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death in 1791, this production of the composer's final operatic masterpiece features the costumes and settings of English artist David Hockney, originally designed for the Glyndebourne Festival Opera, England. Ford Motor Co., MOT's largest corporate contributor, has underwritten the production.

"This production is the finale of three consecutive years of Mozart opera programming by Michigan Opera Theatre in anticipation of the Mozart bicentennial," said David DiChiera, MOT founder and general director.

Mozart's "The Magic Flute" is the second production of MOT's fifth annual Spring Grand Opera Series at the Masonic Temple. It will be sung in the Andrew Porter English translation and will feature English surtitles simultaneously projected above the stage for increased understanding.

**THE OPERA** will be performed under the baton of Viennese-born conductor Georg Tintner, currently musical director of Symphony Nova Scotia, Canada. He has led the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and is former resident conductor of the Australian Opera.

Jay Lesenger, former director of the University of Michigan School of Music Opera Theatre, will stage the production.

The ensemble of vocal stars features soprano Maureen O'Flynn as Pamina. Grosse Pointe native Elizabeth Parcells sings the role of the Queen of the Night.

Following their performances as the three nymphs in the just-ended "Ariadne auf Naxos," three local singers return to sing "Three Ladies" in "The Magic Flute": soprano Laura Lampert of Ann Arbor, mezzo-soprano Terese Fedea of Lincoln Park, and mezzo-soprano Kathleen Segar of Ann Arbor.

Ara Berberian returns as the wise sage Sarastro. The Metropolitan Opera baritone now lives in Southfield. He continues to perform regularly at the Metropolitan Opera, where he has been featured in 30 operas, appearing in many "Live from the Met" broadcasts.

Tenor Melvin Lowery sings the role of Monostatos, following his debut as the dancing master in "Ariadne auf Naxos."

MOT Young Artist Apprentice Gina Lottinger of Ann Arbor portrays Papagena. Grosse Pointe students Brendan Walsh, John Skinner and Liam Ryan sing the roles of the three Genies.

**PART FAIRY** tale, part morality play, Mozart's "The Magic Flute" introduced the ideals and rituals inspired by freemasonry. Mozart himself had joined an order that preached the spirit of universal brotherhood.

With text by the actor (and manager of a small theater) Johann Emanuel Schikaneder, who asked Mozart to compose the work, this "singspiel," or German operetta, incorporates both song and spoken dialogue.

Barely a month after the Vienna premiere, Mozart died. Modern audiences have become acquainted with the composer's life as told through the Tony Award-winning play and Oscar winning-movie "Amadeus," written by Peter Schaffer, and with the opera through Ingmar Bergman's film of the same name.

MOT offers an informative and

entertaining lecture and buffet dinner before the Wednesday, May 1 performance of "The Magic Flute." The social affair will be at 6 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Masonic Temple. Music lecturer James Huntley will speak. Cost is \$20 per person; call 874-7835 for reservations.

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Jan Dolan backs millage idea

By Ralph R. Echtenaw  
staff writer

As part of his proposed budget to the Legislature, Gov. John Engler has asked for an abrupt end to the Detroit Institute of Arts' \$16 million annual subsidy beginning next fiscal year in October.

Already, the Republican governor has succeeded in reducing the subsidy to \$14.5 million for the current fiscal year after an across-the-board, 9.2-percent cut took effect in January.

Museum officials and elected politicians who believe in the ascendancy of the arts and the government's role as a helium balloon were upset by the \$1.5-million cut, but say they are alarmed by the specter of losing the subsidy altogether.

Museum director Samuel Sachs II said the DIA will effectively go out

of business if Engler's wish comes true.

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, noted that many museums in this country receive smaller state subsidies than the DIA.

She cited art museums in Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Toledo that each receive less than 5 percent of their budget in state subsidies, whereas the DIA gets more than 50 percent of its budget from the state, even after the \$1.5-million cut.

"There's no museum in the country that relies on state aid for operation like the DIA does," Dolan said. "Any time you rely that heavily on tax dollars and something happens, you're in trouble. And that's what's happening now."

**DOLAN CHARGED** that DIA personnel don't work hard enough to raise private funding. "The perception here in Lansing is that 'You

don't even try.' Although (DIA officials) are improving, they have not made it obvious that (visitors) will make a donation."

Dolan is making noises now about a plan whereby Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties would put a small millage request on a ballot perhaps as early as 1992 to subsidize the DIA and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in lieu of state subsidization. (The plan was first suggested in a 1978 column by Observer & Eccentric Lansing correspondent Tim Richard.)

Dolan said she bases her plan on the "very good educated guess" that "99 out of 100" DIA and DSO patrons reside in Macomb, Wayne or Oakland counties.

Most local legislators agree the DIA should be weened to some extent from state subsidization.

SEN. JACK Faxon, D-Farmington

Hills, is an exception. Were it up to him, Faxon said, no arts subsidy would be cut in order to balance the budget.

"Obviously, (the cuts that Engler suggests) are devastating and incredibly insensitive," he said. "It would be inconceivable that the governor would even consider that this institution should be shut down."

Faxon compared shutting the DIA to "closing down the University of Michigan in terms of what that means to the state."

Rep. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, said he supports arts subsidies, but is willing to compromise in light of the state's budget situation.

The DIA, he said, should continue to reduce reliance on its state subsidy, but the subsidy should be reduced slowly, giving DIA officials time to raise more money from private sources.

Rep. Jim Kosteva, D-Canton, agreed. "The DIA is a clear example of where we just can't use the governor's meat-ax methodology," he said, explaining that arts subsidies should be reduced slowly.

Rep. Mat Dunaskins, R-Lake Orion, goes along with Kosteva. "(The DIA subsidy) should be ratcheted down," he said, but not eliminated.

Dunaskins added that public contributions to state arts programs, including the DIA, would be higher if the organizations didn't have a much state money coming in.

Like Faxon, Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, opposes arts subsidy cuts. "The arts are an easy target," he said in a prepared statement. "No pun intended, but those who are supporting cuts in funding paint a picture of a bunch of longhairs wearing berets benefiting from state funding."

# Fate of state arts support remains in limbo

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"We might not be able to serve the state as well as we could," Slade said. "(But) we've got to be realistic about this and see (the cuts) in view of the overall economy."

Engler also proposes to break the Detroit Institute of Arts' reliance on tax subsidies, removing the museum's \$16 million annual grant all at once.

Museum officials have said the 105-year-old institution will die without its financial fix, even though there were no state subsidies to the DIA until 1966.

SEN. R. ROBERT Geake, R-Northville, summarized the arts controversy best when he said, "One person's pork is another person's cultural necessity."

"Eliminating the arts from the state budget will mean the end of hundreds of elementary, middle and high school art programs and the scaling back or closing of many art and cultural organizations," said

Marilyn Wheaton, Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan executive director.

Overall state funding for the arts was about \$40 million last year, an average of \$6 per taxpayer and about one-half of 1 percent of the total state general fund budget, she said.

Geake, who represents Redford, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton, said arts subsidies should be pared, but not slashed. "Clearly, we cannot afford to do all the things we've been doing (with arts funding)," he said.

Rep. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, likes to talk about arts cuts in the broader context of reducing government's size. "We've gotten to be too many things to too many people," he said. "We've got a structural problem where we always seem to spend more than we take in."

Bouchard supports reducing arts subsidies, but eschews Engler's drastic proposal for eliminating them. "All the grants to everything will have to be reduced by necessity, but

we need to do it at a speed that (recipients) can react to," he said.

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, a DIA Founders Society member, supports Engler's plan to slash arts subsidies. "We are faced with such a huge deficit that I support what the governor is trying to do," she said. "You don't have to be a mathematical genius to know we have to take drastic measures."

How can one suggest maintaining arts funding, she asks, when "we've got children who are hungry and uneducated with no place to sleep?"

**BANKES SUPPORTS** a plan pushed by Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, to ask Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties to ask voters for an "arts millage" to replace state subsidies to the DIA, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and smaller county programs.

Dolan guesses that "99 out of 100" DIA visitors are from the tri-county area. "Those who benefit from it should pay for it," Bankes said.

Overall, Bankes see a tide of reality sweeping over Lansing. "I think

you're going to see honesty in budgeting here that has not gone on before," she said. "You couldn't run a business like we run the state."

The best-known arts advocate is Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, who would not cut arts subsidies if balancing the budget were left to him.

Faxon argues that every dollar the state spends on arts subsidies generates \$4 or \$5 in the Michigan economy. Further, he said the arts are "common to all the people of the state" and therefore must be pretty important.

Faxon said people who don't believe the arts should be subsidized by the state haven't learned to appreciate the arts properly. "The governor seems to lack a sensitivity to the validity of the arts," he said. "I don't think he realizes what it represents. He has never integrated the arts into his life."

Faxon compared Engler's attitude to that of a man who never gets sick, so doesn't believe in the necessity of hospitals.

**WHILE REP. Jim Kosteva, D-Canton, believes "arts funding needs to reduce its dependence on the state,"** he compared Engler's approach to "wielding a meat-ax."

Kosteva prefers Democratic House speaker Lewis Dodak's budget plan to Engler's, but admits "the budget numbers don't lie. Everybody's going to have to feel a little pain on this. We (Democrats) are just trying to be more rational."

Dodak's plan calls for using more than three-fourths of the state government's "rainy day" fund (at least \$334 million) to cancel a third of the estimated \$1.1 billion deficit, leaving about \$100 million in the fund.

Dodak proposes to save another third of the deficit with employee furloughs, early retirement incentives, sale of assets and more. Dodak would wipe out the rest of the deficit with budget cuts. However, his plan does not say how deeply arts subsidies would be cut.

SEN. GEORGE Hart, D-Dearborn, whose district includes Garden City,

also opposes Engler's plan, arguing that arts cut advocates are anti-education. "There are people in Lansing who would like to turn the clock back to the Middle Ages when only princes and princesses would have the benefits of a well-rounded education," he said in a prepared statement.

Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-West Bloomfield, said in tough economic times, state government should place social services above arts funding. "There are more desperate and needy people that we have to take care of first," she said.

"These people are never going to make it to a symphony or get down to the DIA."

Whatever happens in regard to state arts subsidies, one thing is certain: Because the state constitution requires a balanced budget, government must reform its financial behavior and spend less, at least for a year or two.

"The gravy train has been derailed, and it's being dismantled," Dolan said.

# Choral team's 'Requiem' a triumph

By Linda Ann Chomin  
special writer

Beautiful instrumental strains accompanied the Plymouth Oratorio Society's performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem, Op. 45" at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth Sunday.

The Michigan Sinfonietta (formerly the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra) provided the instrumental accompaniment.

Baritone John Stewart of Plymouth and soprano Carolyn Pratt of Minnesota were featured soloists for the triumphant evening. Stewart's talent was showcased in the third movement of the "Re-

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quiem," as he pulled notes from the very depths of his soul.

Perhaps the best known movement of Brahms' "Requiem" is "How lovely is thy dwelling place." The Plymouth Oratorio Society performed the inspirational work of comfort with a tremendous outpouring of emotion.

**AFTER A** brief intermission, the chorus, under conductor Robert Pratt and accompanied by the 35-

member Michigan Sinfonietta, returned to the sanctuary with Carolyn Pratt and Stewart.

Pratt sang the soprano aria of the fifth movement, which Brahms wrote in tribute to his mother after her death in 1865.

Pratt, a professional singer in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, sang brightly with total control. The last

movement of the "Requiem" ended gloriously with nearly 90 voices uplifted with hope for the living.

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# Roundhouse fulfills dream

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### MUSIC SEASON

Isaac Stern, Yo-Yo Ma, Murray Perahia, the Chicago Symphony, the Julliard and Guarneri String Quartets, stars of the Bolshoi Ballet, Poland's Mazowsze Folk Dance Company, Japan's Kodo drummers and the New York City Opera National Company.

They are some of the international performing artists who will appear in the 1991-92 season of the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan.

More than 30 attractions comprise the 113th season. The three main series are choral, chamber and choice. For a brochure detailing the concert series, call 764-2538.

### PREVIEW PARTY

Forty business, community and civic leaders make up the honorary committee for the 1991 Center for Creative Studies-College of Art and Design preview party.

The group will support the efforts and accomplishments of the Detroit college's student artists and to help promote the party, which will be 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 17.

"We are dedicated to nurturing a continuing dialogue and communication within the communities these members represent," said Josephine Kelsey, Center for Creative Studies president.

The preview party marks the opening of the 65th annual student exhibit and sale, which will open to the public May 19 and run through June 2.

The exhibit is the largest showing of freshman through senior works in the country.

Preview party tickets are \$35 per person. Proceeds benefit the visual arts program. Dollars obtained from the sale of student work will go directly to the artist.

For tickets: 872-3118, Ext. 422.

### ALL-ORCHESTRAL

Conductor Jerzy Semkow returns to lead the Detroit Symphony in an all-orchestral program that features J.C. Bach's Sinfonia, Op. 18, Mozart's Symphony No. 29 and Beethoven's Symphony No. 6.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26, and at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in Orchestra Hall.

For tickets: 833-3700.

### SPRING CONCERT

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under Donald Stromberg's direction, will present its annual spring concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in Northville First United Methodist Church, Eight Mile, west of Taft.

The 60-voice choir specializes in local concerts of the great classical choral works.

The program, "Serenade to Spring," will feature Schubert's Mass in F, "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" from the Brahms Requiem, Copland's "The Promise of Living" and many cappella works.

Donations will be accepted at intermission. For information about the concert or choir, call Schoolcraft's continuing education services: 462-4448.

### ROADSIDE GRAPHICS

Plymouth resident Dan Hershberger will provide an insightful portrait of American roadside graphics in a lecture sponsored by the Scarab Club of the Center for Creative Studies Sunday, April 28.

The Scarab Club is at John R and Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Hershberger, associate professor of Graphic Design for the Center for Creative Studies, will present "Gas, Food and Lodging: The Design of the American Roadside."

He'll discuss roadside structures, their development and the context in which they existed.

Familiar roadside companies such as Texaco, Mobil, Howard Johnson's and McDonald's will be featured along with more general topics, including the classic American diner and pre-war tourist courts.

Registration for this lecture starts at 3 p.m.,

with the program beginning at 3:15.

Cost is \$5 a lecture for members of the Scarab Club, the Detroit Area Art Deco Society and Preservation Wayne. General admission is \$7. A reception and afternoon tea follows. For more information, call 577-3559.

### TOWN HALL

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Town Hall will feature former priest mystery writer William X. Kienzle at its annual benefit luncheon Tuesday, April 30, at the Dearborn Inn.

In an manner of speaking, crime pays for the whodunit author. His Father Bob has helped the Detroit police solve upward of 13 murder mysteries since he first wrote "The Rosary Murders" in 1978. The book was made into a movie in 1987.

Kienzle, a Detroit native, spent 20 years as an ordained Roman Catholic priest.

He'll share his wealth of funny stories with the audience after a noon luncheon in the Dearborn Inn's Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$22. Call the Y: 561-4110.

### STATE SALUTE

The Detroit Symphony presents its annual Salute to Michigan concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts at Michigan State University.

It's presented as a thank-you to the people of Michigan for supporting the orchestra. Event co-sponsors are the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall and Detroit Renaissance.

The program fare will include All-American light classical and pops music conducted by Mitch Miller. It will conclude with Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

For free tickets, call 1-800-942-7866.

### MUSIC FEST

The University Musical Society's annual May Festival will offer concert-goers four evenings of music at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 1-4, in the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium. For tickets: 764-2538.

The Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig and its director, Kurt Masur, will perform at all four concerts, highlighted each evening by these internationally renowned soloists: violinist Midori, Wednesday; violinist Christian Funke and cellist Jurnjakob Timm (Thursday-Friday); and pianist Elisabeth Leonskaja, mezzo-soprano Claudine Carlson and the musical society's festival chorus in Saturday night's all-Russian finale.

### GUEST PIANIST

Polish-born conductor Jerzy Semkow leads the Detroit Symphony in the second of two weeks of concerts in a program highlighted by the Detroit debut of Xerox Corp.-sponsored pianist Jose Ramos-Santana performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 10:45 a.m. Friday, May 3, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Orchestra Hall.

The program includes Prokofiev's Symphony No. 6.

For tickets: 833-3700.

### JURIED SHOW

Fifty exhibitors will display fine art and crafts in the Community Living Centers Summer Potpourri '91 exhibit Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5, in the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main, Northville.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Proceeds benefit the developmentally disabled residents of the Farmington-based group homes.

Admission is \$2 adults, \$1.50 seniors and 50 cents for children younger than 12. No strollers. Free parking. Lunch is available.

### CRAFT SHOW

The Craft Gallery Mother's Day Show will be Sunday, May 12, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, between Merriman and Venoy. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sixty displays will feature country folk art, Victorian crafts, early Americana, French country look and Shades of the Southwest.

Local exhibitors include: From Livonia — Cheryl Young (country fabric hearts), Tina Adams (silk floral arrangements),

Linda Dietrich (wood shelves and fabric hanging accents), Donna Squire (baskets).

From Westland — Pam Kovarik (vintage Victorian), Jeanne Schmidt (soft sculpture).

From Redford Township — Kay Vincent (country cross stitch).

From Canton Township — Gene Busse (oak clocks).

Each event will offer a different lineup of Michigan talent.

Admission is \$2. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. Lunches and refreshments will be

available. No strollers or cameras are allowed.

### VISUAL VOICES

The Wayne County Council for the Arts is showing Visual Voices, a collection of works from 15 local artists, through June 16 in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

Featured are paintings, sculpture and photography. Painter and art professor Gilda Snowden curated the exhibition. Works from Wayne County Youth Home residents are shown.

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## Growing trend

### How to buy a piece of the farm

It's always interesting to hear about new ideas and enterprises related to gardening.

A new type of gardening concept began in Ortonville last year at Stromberry Farm, owned and operated by David and Linda Strom.

It is called Community Supported Agriculture, and the idea behind it is to bring the farm back to the city, to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the participants.

The Stroms are striving to foster the symbiotic relationship between the farmer, the environment and the consumer.

This concept began in Europe and is growing in this country. Some of the farms are quite large and involve many people, while others are run on a smaller scale.

The Stroms feel that since many foods have to be picked before they are ready, then shipped long distances, much flavor is lost. They offer vegetables and fruits the day they are picked.

THERE ARE six to seven ecosystems in the 54 acres, including a stream, bog, marsh, old peat bog, high meadow, wet meadow and dry forest; there are a lot of different growing conditions. Since the land had not been farmed for 17-20 years, the Stroms were able to "begin from scratch."

David Strom said, "It was wild, so we have carved fields out of the pasture area. In doing that, we've left areas around the edge of the field and the creek. Between the edge of the field and the marsh, there's probably 50 feet. Plenty of room for wildlife."

"This particular piece of land is so ecologically sensitive that part of our philosophy is to do what we can to try not to upset the ecological balance."

No herbicides or pesticides are used, so a naturally healthy soil can be retained. The Stroms feel that if the soil is fed and it is healthy and healthy plants are grown, there won't be a problem with bugs.

"It's hard to imagine growing or being part of a



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natural process without using processes," David said.

HE EXPLAINED that organic fertilizers are slow-release and it takes time for the creatures and the bacteria in the soil to work together to eventually release nitrogen that is already there, in a form that other plants can use. In other words, when compost or an organic fertilizer is applied, the soil bacteria is being fed.

The farm will again offer many vegetables, some of them not readily available commercially, plus strawberries and melons. Participants pay in advance for the season's produce and travel to specific locations each week to pick up their share.

The brochure lists the proposed crops and the yield per share. Each share is calibrated for a family of four (with young children). Last year, the harvest was generous. One member described the taste as "More!"

Pick up destinations are: Detroit Baha'i Center, Detroit; Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Royal Oak; Wilson Barn, Livonia; and the Stromberry Farm, Ortonville.

Price per share is \$225 and weekly harvest from June to mid-October. For information, contact Dave or Linda Strom, Stromberry Farm, P.O. Box 316, Ortonville, 48462 (313) 532-4584.

Marty Figley is a certified master gardener, based in Birmingham. This column runs the first, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

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**FROM \$555**  
 • Large 1 & 2 Bedroom  
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**PREST APARTMENTS**  
**THE MT. VERNON TOWNES**  
 2 & 3 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSES  
 FROM \$750 - HEAT INCLUDED  
 Lustrous 1982-1781 sq. ft. townhouses featuring central air, terraces, fully equipped kitchen with pantry and eating area, master bedroom suite with walk-in closet, 2 1/2 baths, each more!  
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 2 or 3 bedroom spacious townhouses with the exclusivity of a Franklin Rd address. elegant formal dining room & a great room with the warmth of a natural fireplace. 2 1/2 baths, master bedroom suite, full basement, 2 car attached garage, but

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 Large 1 bedroom apartment New grey carpet, \$500, month. Days, 357-8668 Even, 353-4485

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**CAMBRIDGE SQUARE APTS**  
 2 bedroom - 2 BATH & 1 BEDROOM FROM \$525

**SOUTHFIELD**  
 Charming apartment with a neighborhood feeling needs you. We have all amenities of home - including shopping and transportation within walking distance. Come and stay with us.  
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 1300 N. of 11 Mile  
 Office open daily, Sat. & Sun.  
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**DELUXE**  
 1 & 2 BEDROOM APTS.

**Private entrance for each unit, carpet included, washer, dryer, each apt. Walk-in closets, storage room, balcony or patio.**  
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 • Peaceful wooded setting.  
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 • Mini & vertical blinds.  
 • FREE 9'x12' private storage.  
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 • Special Senior lease terms with 30 Security Deposit.  
 • 1 bedroom...from...\$550.  
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**MUST BE OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE**  
**FROM \$655**  
 Elegant 1000 to 1200 sq. ft. of luxury 1 & 2 bedrooms, walk-in closets, air conditioning, covered parking, attended gatehouse, monitored alarm, pool & Social Director.  
 11 Mile & Lahser  
**PARKCREST**  
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 Please Call for Our Brochure

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**ONE BEDROOM \$450**  
 • FREE HEAT  
 • Walk-in closet  
 • Intrusion Alarm

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 Lahser near 8 1/2 Mile  
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**STANFORD TOWNHOUSES**  
 DESIGNED FOR FAMILY LIVING  
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**Brookdale Apartments**  
 Freshly decorated 1 & 2 bedrooms FROM \$419  
 • Spacious Rooms  
 • Covered Parking  
 • Beautiful Pool  
 • Clubhouse  
 • Laundry facilities  
**9 MONTH LEASES AVAILABLE**  
 Corner of 8 Mile & Pontiac Trail  
**Open 7 days per week**  
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**Southfield HIDDEN OAKS APARTMENTS**  
**ONE MONTH FREE\***  
 (Any month of your choice)  
**& FREE BLINDS INSTALLED**  
 GE appliances, ceramic bath, central air, carpets available, intercoms, patios/balconies. Cable ready, large storage area, laundry facilities.  
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 Warren Ave., 1/4 mile E. of Newburgh. Minutes from Westland Mall & other major shopping centers.  
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**\$300 SECURITY DEPOSIT**  
**Senior Citizen Discount Available**  
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**MOVE-IN SPECIAL**  
**\$200 SECURITY DEPOSIT**  
 • Free Heat  
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 • Beautiful Park Setting  
 • Storage  
 • Cable Available  
 • Pool  
 • Spacious & Elegant  
 • Dishwasher  
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 Short Term Lease Available  
 On Ann Arbor Trail, Just West of Inkster Road  
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**1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments from \$355\***  
 Window Treatments Heat Included  
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 455-7200  
 South of Joy Road, West of I-75  
 Open Monday-Friday 9-6 Saturday 11-4  
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**FROM \$645**  
 • 1 & 2 Bedrooms  
 • Lovely Residential Area  
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**12 MILE & LAHSER COLONY PARK**  
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 We are now taking applications for spring & summer occupancy. Stop in to see our spacious floor plans. All Townhouses include plush carpeting, vertical blinds, self-cleaning oven, central air, private patio & parking by your door.  
 1281 sq. ft. 2 bedroom/2 bath, 1537 sq. ft. 3 bedroom/2 1/2 bath, 1512 sq. ft. Full basement  
**FROM \$655 PER MO.**  
 Gas Heat & Water Included  
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**SOUTHFIELD**  
 12 Mile Rd.  
 1 Block East of Telegraph  
**SPACIOUS**  
 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments  
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**FREE RENT**  
 (1 m. from road on selected units based on 13 mos. lease)

**1 BEDROOM**  
 From \$499

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 From \$585

LARGE DELUXE APTS.  
 • 1 1/2 bath  
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 Club House, Patio, Pets Allowed, Air, Carpet, FREE HEAT & HOT WATER

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# Bridal Accents



# He makes amazing party cakes

By Ralph R. Echinaw  
staff writer

WITH A nod to Barry Manilow, Northville resident Kevin Pavlina is certainly entitled to sing, "I am pastry, and I make the cakes." Pavlina is a self-made pastry chef whose creations have appeared in "Brides" and "Detroit Monthly" magazines. Often working through the night (or nights), sustained only by pot after pot of java, Pavlina has made cakes that resemble everything from

Ferraris to tennis shoes to theater masks to stationery to fans to clocks to '57 Chevys with the top down to corporate logos. And, of course, he also makes incredibly intricate wedding cakes with edible flowers so realistic, they could fool bumblebees. "Sometimes, I wonder if it's worth it (to make realistic flowers)," he said. "Do people really notice? And then there's that client or guest at a party who will pick it up to smell it and just be blown away. Or they'll touch it and just can't believe. Then it's all worth it."

Pavlina generally attends the wedding receptions his cakes are eaten at, often after a sleepless night of meticulous cake decorating. "It's part

of the service," he said.

**BUT SOMETIMES** he's

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## Credits



### Happy Beginnings

ANCIENT ROMAN couples needed 10 witnesses to make their nuptials official, several of whom wore identical clothes to the bride and groom to confuse evil spirits. Today, there's no set number of witnesses to officially tie the knot. Weddings are held before just a judge, mayor or clergyman, or before dozens, even hundreds, of guests. With the peak of the wedding season at hand, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers today presents this special spring bridal section. We've tried to present a lively look at traditions that help make the big day special. Incidentally, newlyweds are doing well, according to a Modern Bride survey. Their mean combined income: \$50,500. Almost half expect to own their own home.

— Bob Sklar  
assistant managing editor

On the cover: Nanci Del Signore, co-owner of Lina's Bridal in

Plymouth, models an Eva Haynal Forsyth gown (\$3,800). The Italian silk satin gown features re-embroidered Alencon lace, off-shoulder petal sleeves, and an asymmetrical waist with a full skirt and a cathedral train. It's accented with seed pearls and sequins. The headpiece (\$300), handmade roses and petals, is made from Italian satin. O&E staff photographer Bill Bresler took the picture. Bob Sklar coordinated this special section. Randy Borst, O&E graphics editor, designed the cover. O&E representatives Lisa Becker and Joan Hines coordinated advertising. Direct queries to Bob Sklar, 953-2113.

# Headpieces accentuate bridal look

By Arlene Funke  
special writer

THINK OF the headpiece as the crowning glory in a beautiful wedding ensemble. More than half of today's brides choose a customized headpiece to achieve a special look, say proprietors of two local bridal salons. "Usually the bride has something specific in her mind and can't quite find it," said Debbie Pollak-Zimberg of Creations by Pollak's, with shops in Farmington Hills and Rochester. Brides need not buy a headpiece simply because it matches the gown, according to Bride's magazine. The bride may want to have the headpiece altered so it will be more flattering to face size or hairstyle. She may want a sprinkling of iridescent beads to match a pattern in her dress. Perhaps she wants a special veil. "The worst thing is to have a headpiece that takes away from the dress," said Nanci Del Signore, co-owner of Lina's Bridal in Plymouth. "You want people to notice the bride before they notice anything else."



Left: This veil, as modeled by Lina's Bridal co-owner Nanci Del Signore, is embellished with a triple seed pearl pattern to match details in the headpiece.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

A BRIDAL shop seamstress or special order to the manufacturer can provide a custom headpiece. The price varies widely, generally costing a few hundred dollars. In some cases, the price includes veil. What's hot in headpieces? "Right now, everyone seems to want a crown or tiara," Del Signore said. This look reflects a "nostalgic" Grace Kelly look, according to Del Signore. Also popular, in the classic mode, are small pillbox hats, so reminiscent of the late 1950s. Loretta Akouri of Farmington Hills has chosen a custom, tiara-style headpiece, with the assistance of Pollak-Zimberg. "I did not want anything that would be overdone," said Akouri, 25, planning a May wedding. Akouri wanted a headpiece to complement her ornate, traditional, full-skirted bridal gown. She plans to wear her hair up, possibly in a french twist. Akouri's tiara has crystal beads and pearls. It's finished with a cascade of veils and a "pouf." Akouri also will have a longer veil attached to a Velcro strip so it can be removed for greater comfort. The total cost, including the special veil, is \$545.

Although the white dress is most popular, many brides opt for ivory, blush or delicate pink dresses. Headpieces may be dyed to match. "Every bride has a fantasy of how she wants to look," Pollak-Zimberg said. Both Pollak-Zimberg and Del Signore grew up in the bridal business. Del Signore, 22, is the daughter of John and Lina Del Signore of Livonia, owners of Lina's for the past 10 years. Del Signore, a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, studied retail marketing at the Fashion Institute in Florida.

Pollak-Zimberg, 35, a Farmington resident, learned the business from her mother, Madge Pollak of West Bloomfield, who launched her business 40 years ago. **THEIR ADVICE:** Set a budget and find a shop willing to work with you. Allow plenty of time — at least three months — for a custom headpiece. Christine Christou, a restaurant manager from Trenton, found her perfect bridal ensemble at Lina's. Christou, to be married in September, has ordered an ivory-colored gown flecked with gold and embellished with hand-sewn floral appliques. The headpiece, which matches the dress, will be adapted so Christou can wear her hair on her forehead. A floral adornment will be relocated. The headpiece costs \$990, which includes the veil.

THE BRIDAL veil had practical origins. In cultures that favored arranged marriages, the bride's face was covered by a veil. Often, the groom didn't see her face until he unveiled her. In ancient Greece, people believed the veil protected the bride from the evil eye of jealous rivals. Veils were worn to confuse "evil spirits." Today's brides make their selections based on beauty and tradition.



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# Makeup expert share insights

By Debbie Wallis Landau  
special writer

**O**NCE THE joy and excitement of a wedding are over, photographs become a priceless memoir of the big day.

But brides and their attendants can do themselves a disservice if their makeup is not applied for the camera as well as for the crowd.

"One of the biggest mistakes I see in bridal parties is going for too natural of a look," says Sharon Raskin, a Farmington Hills professional makeup expert.

"It's fine to aim for a soft, romantic appearance, but color needs to be applied for a bit more intensely for photographs. Otherwise, the result is a washed-out look."

Raskin, who is a photographer's makeup artist for such international magazines as Playboy, Penthouse and Vogue, also operates a skin care business, Sharon's Enterprises, out of her studio.

She has accomplished numerous makeovers for brides-to-be, their families and their attendants. And she believes some advance planning can allow all participants to look and feel attractive.

**WHETHER THE** look you desire is dramatic or toned down, certain makeup techniques bode equally well for models or brides, Raskin said.

"Knowing how to contour and how to blend blush are two of the most valuable skills a woman can develop. If these are done effectively, a woman can wear new colors well and can get away with more vibrant shades," she said.

Misconception prevails that makeup artists automatically layer on a ton of makeup. That belief can deter someone from seeking a makeover, which can provide valuable application and skin care advice, Raskin said.

Professional photographer Bill Schwanke of Troy uses Raskin exclusively for his photo shoots. "I photograph many young women who know little or nothing about makeup. What Sharon does with them is unbelievably dramatic. All I have to tell her is the location of the shoot and the clothes the model will wear, and she can take over."

If you are going to participate in a wedding, having a makeover some days or weeks before the event is wise. Sensitivities to certain cosmetics can be identified, and experimenting with color can be done when you're relaxed.

Raskin recommends brides and their entourage exfoliate their skins



Sharon Raskin  
makeup expert

the night before the wedding with a facial scrub appropriate to their skin types. The next day, skin should be soft and supple.

Another favorite secret she shares is the use of thin, raw potato slices on puffy eyelids, large pores and/or facial lines. "The acidity in the potato helps to close pores and it can significantly reduce swelling," she said.

**THE DAY** of the wedding, hair should always be done first. "No matter how kind or considerate your beautician is, it's almost impossible not to ruin makeup when your hair is washed and styled."

If you have less than perfect skin — and most people do — a good cover cream originally developed for burn patients can be a lifesaver.

Raskin is the only licensed representative in Michigan to market Natural Cover, a camouflage makeup developed by Linda Siedel. Raskin worked with the product when she attended a hands-on workshop at the Linda Siedel Institute in Baltimore in 1987.

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# Etiquette: key to a winner wedding

By Debbie Wallis Landau  
special writer

**W**HEN A shadow is cast upon a "perfect wedding," chances are it wasn't from a rainstorm. And the shy flower girl's detour from her parade down the aisle usually gets more giggles than groans.

The spoilsport of many weddings is very often a breach of etiquette or a lack of planning. As Abigail Van Buren writes in "Dear Abby: On Planning Your Wedding:"

"A perfect wedding is one that is everything the bride and groom want it to be — with the understanding that they take time to explore not only


what they want but how to get it." Dilemmas on seating, the receiving line, how to deal with parent and hosts or guests who are divorced, and allocating who pays for what services are issues that can only be solved by individuals who know the families' dynamics.

"Over the last two decades," writes Van Buren, "three major social changes have occurred that not only affect your life, but have changed the way you plan your wedding."

She lists those as couples marrying at older ages, couples sharing costs and responsibilities of wedding plans as equal partners, and the impact

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Pavlina, 28, grew up in Highland, near Milford, and graduated from Milford High School in 1981. He began creating unusual cakes in junior high school, recognized a talent for things culinary, and earned degrees in restaurant management and culinary arts from Oakland Community College.

After 2½ years cooking for the Machus restaurant chain, he decided to follow his dream and went to Chicago to study cake design with Amy Rohr. Returning to Michigan in 1987, Pavlina set up his own company, Memorable Occasions, and began to "make the cakes that make the whole world amazed," as Manilow might put it.

**PARTY PLANNER Dee Dee Hoffman** of Party Design in West

Bloomfield concurs.

She uses Pavlina's cakes for 85 percent of her parties. "The detail work on his cakes is just incredible," she said. "Kevin is beyond a cake maker. He's an artist."

Pavlina, however, says he's only 50 percent artist. And the proof, as they say, is in the pudding (or cake in this case). In short, they taste as good as they look. "I very much feel like I receive an artistic commission to create (cakes)," he said. "(But) if the look of the cake becomes more important than the taste, then you're an artist."

"The cake goes one step further (than art) and appeals to the sense of taste. When you do a cake that looks as interesting as these cakes do, (clients) are shocked when it tastes good."

"People say, 'Don't you hate when they cut (the cakes)?' No, I love it. It's why I do it from the beginning. It's made to be eaten."

Eaten yes, but some customers could buy a small car for what they spend on a Pavlina cake. They start at \$400 a pop, but rise as high as \$10,000; so far.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** resident Kathy Rosenzweig bought a cake and a small car at the same time from Pavlina in 1989, a red Ferrari cake for her son's bar mitzvah. "It was



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The flowers on this wedding cake are typical of the detail work pastry chef Kevin Pavlina is capable of. He routinely dissects real flowers to create confection flowers so real that some wedding reception guests pick them up for a sniff.

wonderful," she said. "We actually froze the cake, so we still have it."

While his business was relatively slow in the first 1½ years, word of mouth had its way with potential clients. Pavlina has to turn down some jobs now due to bookings that take precedence.

And if he's booked for a \$400 cake when a \$10,000 offer is tendered? He might ask the less lucrative client to reschedule, but Pavlina runs his one-man business on a first-come, first-served basis — and the \$10,000

customer might have to go somewhere else. "I realize that's the way it goes," he said. "There will be other \$10,000 cakes."

Pavlina will take orders for cakes at his Northville home (348-8596), where he lives with his wife, Sarah Minor, and daughter Lettie (almost 2 years old), whose birthdays Pavlina might be able to sell tickets to someday.

"I have clients and friends who say they will bring a gift and come to her birthday party just to see the cakes," he said.

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"I'm there to cut and serve a lot of these cakes," he said. "And I very much like to stay in the background when people come up and ooh-aah, ooh-aah. I like it, but I kind of withdraw from it because it's my client's cake."

"(At a wedding in Florida), the father got up on the stage and announced that the cake came from Michigan and I was the one who did it and, 'There he is!' Ugh. It embarrasses me, but it's neat. I still blush."

Pavlina, 28, grew up in Highland, near Milford, and graduated from Milford High School in 1981. He began creating unusual cakes in junior high school, recognized a talent for things culinary, and earned degrees in restaurant management and culinary arts from Oakland Community College.

After 2½ years cooking for the Machus restaurant chain, he decided to follow his dream and went to Chicago to study cake design with Amy Rohr. Returning to Michigan in 1987, Pavlina set up his own company, Memorable Occasions, and began to "make the cakes that make the whole world amazed," as Manilow might put it.

**PARTY PLANNER** Dee Dee Hoffman of Party Design in West

Bloomfield concurs.

She uses Pavlina's cakes for 85 percent of her parties. "The detail work on his cakes is just incredible," she said. "Kevin is beyond a cake maker. He's an artist."

Pavlina, however, says he's only 50 percent artist. And the proof, as they say, is in the pudding (or cake in this case). In short, they taste as good as they look. "I very much feel like I receive an artistic commission to create (cakes)," he said. "(But) if the look of the cake becomes more important than the taste, then you're an artist."

"The cake goes one step further (than art) and appeals to the sense of taste. When you do a cake that looks as interesting as these cakes do, (clients) are shocked when it tastes good."

"People say, 'Don't you hate when they cut (the cakes)?' No, I love it. It's why I do it from the beginning. It's made to be eaten."

Eaten yes, but some customers could buy a small car for what they spend on a Pavlina cake. They start at \$400 a pop, but rise as high as \$10,000; so far.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** resident Kathy Rosenzweig bought a cake and a small car at the same time from Pavlina in 1989, a red Ferrari cake for her son's bar mitzvah. "It was



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The flowers on this wedding cake are typical of the detail work pastry chef Kevin Pavlina is capable of. He routinely dissects real flowers to create confection flowers so real that some wedding reception guests pick them up for a sniff.

wonderful," she said. "We actually froze the cake, so we still have it."

While his business was relatively slow in the first 1½ years, word of mouth had its way with potential clients. Pavlina has to turn down some jobs now due to bookings that take precedence.

And if he's booked for a \$400 cake when a \$10,000 offer is tendered? He might ask the less lucrative client to reschedule, but Pavlina runs his one-man business on a first-come, first-served basis — and the \$10,000

customer might have to go somewhere else. "I realize that's the way it goes," he said. "There will be other \$10,000 cakes."

Pavlina will take orders for cakes at his Northville home (348-8596), where he lives with his wife, Sarah Minor, and daughter Lettie (almost 2 years old), whose birthdays Pavlina might be able to sell tickets to someday.

"I have clients and friends who say they will bring a gift and come to her birthday party just to see the cakes," he said.

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RASKIN IS as concerned about what is good for you as much as what looks good on you.

Her aversion to potentially harmful ingredients led her to buy the rights to a French line of holistic skin care products she has renamed "Pour Femme." The line includes cleansers, hand and body lotions, an acne remedy and a deodorant without aluminum.

Raskin is quick to point out, "the public seems to use the terms holistic and natural interchangeably. It is incorrect to do so. Legally, a holistic product cannot contain any animal by-products, chemicals or synthetic ingredients. A natural product only has to have three natural ingredients to be labeled that way."

According to the 1991 edition of The Wellness Encyclopedia (University of California, Berkeley), "Natural cosmetics, the customer might assume, would necessarily be preservative-free. But on cosmetics, as on food, this term in meaningless. Nearly all cosmetics contain preservatives to ward off bacteria and fungi. And some people are allergic to those substances."

"Sharon really makes the most of what you have," said Debra Saperstein, a Farmington Hills client. "If you have a special occasion, she beautifully enhances your features. That is every bit as important — maybe more so — than wearing a lovely dress."

ONE EXCEPTION Raskin makes is to recommend waterproof mascara for weddings. "I don't like it," she said, "because it contains lacquer, but let's face it, tears are such a reality for weddings that it makes sense on that one day for criers to use it!"

She normally recommends smudgeproof products, whose ingredients she maintains are not as potentially harmful.

Raskin admonishes bridal attendants for what she claims are well-intended but "ludicrous" beliefs.

"I frequently hear women saying they don't want to outshine the bride. So they think putting on less makeup, for example, will accomplish that. I say, you're insulting the bride for not looking the absolute best you can on her day. You owe it to her, and to yourself, to be as put together as possible, and that includes your face."

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